

Odd and CURIOUS in the NEWS

Liked Pipe and Rod Butler county's oldest resident, Mrs. Angeline Williams...

Cows Join Deer Constable Walter Dzieski, Cross Keys, is wondering whether maybe someone gave his three heifers a copy of "Aesop's Fables"...

New Experience Judge Rudolph Desort, of Chicago, thought he had heard everything that could be said in a divorce case...

Shocking! When Farmer Floyd Cooper, of Boone, Iowa, turned on his electric lighting system he sparked his bull to an electrifying adventure...

Travels 60 Miles Billy Lindemann, who lives on an island in the middle of the Mississippi river near St. Charles, Mo., rows across the river in a skiff to the mainland...

Gets Fortune, Dies Only a short time after inheriting \$28,000 from the estate of his grandfather, whom he did not know, Vincent Johnson, 26, of St. Paul, Minn., who had spent his short life in poverty, illness and misfortune...

2 Knockouts! Thirty-year-old Wilmer Shaw of Everett, R. D., is a two at one blow hunter. He not only felled his deer near Phillipsburg Monday morning but also wounded himself with the same shot when his gun jumped and struck him in the forehead...

Hobo Snob When Brakeman Ed Barnard of Goldendale, Wash., saw a hobo herding on top of a box-car in high wind and near-freezing weather, he took pity on him and invited him to share his warm caboose...

The Driving Snows Cars driven by Elmer Storr, of New Britain, and Walter Storm, of Cambridge, Mass., collided head-on at Stafford Springs, after one of the machines skidded on pavement made slippery by the first snow storm of the season...

COUNTY HAS HAD 10 SUPTS.

Since the office of County Superintendent was established in Centre county in 1854, ten men have served in that capacity, according to a list prepared recently by Charles A. Fetzner, of Bellefonte, for some time employed as research assistant for the Works Progress Administration...

PUNISHED FOR DEFILING FLAG

Helga Echleuter, 20-year-old New Jersey girl, was sentenced to a term of one to two years in the woman's Reformatory at Clinton, N. J., Friday, on her conviction of defiling the United States flag by throwing it to the ground during the State firemen's parade at Lakewood, June 29. The girl was quoted as declaring after her arrest, "I'm a Nazi and proud of it."

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Grid Victory Celebration At Tyrone Turns Into Real Community Free-For-All

Cops and Kids Tangle as Victory Bon-Fire On Main Street Is Blitzkreiged By Police Tear Gas Bombs

It was a great victory for Tyrone High School football team last Thursday when it downed the Huntingdon High team 13-0, and climbed to first place as western conference champions. The victory celebration staged by jubilant Tyrone High students on the town's streets that evening was equally as thrilling as the grid-iron game, and probably more so as tempers flamed as high as the big bon-fire that illuminated the central part of the business section from the corner of Pennsylvania Avenue and Tenth street. For in the melee that followed, fists and tear gas bombs overshadowed the big victory bon-fire in the evening's performance. Jubilant over the victory at Huntingdon, several hundred students and townfolks were determined that the victory should be properly celebrated—and it was. With the goal posts from the Huntingdon football field as the basis for the fire and augmented by boxes, old doors, and lumber of diverse sizes and descriptions, the materials were piled right in the center of the streets and when the flames began to blaze upward, a big cheer went up and the snake dance was on. Then the real fun started. According to students who participated in the affair and many eyewitnesses, and members of the football team, nothing was said when they started to pile-up their accumulation of "fire-brands" in the center of the street. Unmolested they went ahead with their arrangements for the fire. The fire was lighted and the flames shot upward. The students claim that no provocative incident preceded the interruption of the police in the celebration, and the students feel that the action of the police was uncalled for. They also believe that had they been told of any hazardous condition they would have moved the fire to another location, but that police action came too sudden. Police Chief Mencer said he was afraid the blaze would cause the traffic light and hot wires to fall in to the crowd, so tear gas bombs were thrown in and the fight was on. The celebrants didn't like it one (Continued on page seven)

180 Students Get Aid In County

NYA Expending \$6174 in Financial Assistance, Supervisor Reports

The National Youth Administration is now rendering financial aid to 180 students in the public schools of Centre County. This represents an allocation of \$6174.00 according to W. I. Scott, of Bellefonte, County Supervisor for NYA.

Approximately 30,000 secondary school students in Pennsylvania are enabled to continue their education during the current school term as a result of part-time jobs provided through the National Youth Administration Student Work Program. According to estimates based upon the preceding school year, it is reported by NYA officials that well over 40,000 students will have availed themselves of the job opportunities afforded by NYA in cooperation with the school authorities before the 1940-1941 term is ended. Nearly 1300 schools, representing every county in the state, are participating in the NYA student work program. The annual state NYA jobs, on the basis of need, and demonstrated scholastic ability and are paid from (Continued on page seven)

Altoona Youth Kills His Sister

Gun Accidentally Discharges Into 12-Year-Old Girl's Chest

Regina Mary Koslerek, 13-year-old Altoona girl, was fatally wounded last week by her brother, Edward, 12, while the youth was playing with his father's 12-gauge shotgun. The accident occurred while the parents were absent from home. Sobbing "I'm not a murderer," the youngster told investigating police "I didn't go to do it."

Edward told police he had been playing with the gun and had been resting it on the landing of a staircase when the gun slipped from his grasp and discharged, wounding his sister who had just come through the doorway near the stairs.

Eleanor, 20, another sister, and Richard, 11, a brother, who were upstairs at the time hurried downstairs where they found their sister's body lying in a pool of blood at the bottom of the stairs. Blood was flowing from above the heart of the wounded girl who apparently died instantly.

The father returning home after he had been notified of the tragedy, assumed all blame for letting his gun and shells lie around his home. "That ends hunting for me forever," he said.

P. O. Van Ness, executive director of the School Directors Association, explained: "We are willing to go along on this, but some provision must be made to reimburse the school districts. Otherwise such a measure would bankrupt many districts." The measure to be introduced will be similar to the one which failed of passage at the 1939 session because of administration opposition and the inability of the legislators to find additional funds for school aid.

The measure would provide that the pay of fourth class district school teachers be increased from \$800 to \$1,000 a year, with four annual increases of \$100 after that. High school teachers who now receive \$1,000 a year would have their salaries raised to \$1,200, with the same annual increments. In order to provide the money needed for these increased outlays, Van Ness said his organization would support several tax measures in the 1941 legislature.

Speaking about the variety of human beings, we once knew a sports writer who included in his column an account of a chess championship match.

Crowned Heads of U.S.



FORECAST CLOUD FORMATIONS

A new scientific method by which cloud formations can be predicted as long as four hours before they appear has been discovered by Dr. Hans Neuberger, instructor in astrophysics at the Pennsylvania State College. Describing his method as having potential auxiliary value in weather forecasting, Dr. Neuberger said it is based on atmospheric analyses made through a polariscope. This finely adjusted instrument detects the first signs of swelling in the condensation particles in the air, showing that moisture is beginning to condense on the particles. When enough of these droplets are formed, clouds become visible. Dr. Neuberger's findings resulted from a two-year study at Penn State that was one of the most comprehensive of its type ever carried out. Because of the infrequent use of polariscopes they are not regularly manufactured, so Dr. Neuberger had his instrument built to specifications in a mineral industries laboratory on the campus. His report showed that volcanic eruptions often make the air hazey thousands of miles away. He detected traces of "haziness" at State College from eruptions that occurred in Alaska and Japan. —Everybody reads the Classifieds

Six Escape In Bare Feet And Night Clothes as Fire Destroys Hawk Run Home

House, Garage and Greenhouse Levelled to the Ground by Blaze Which Consumed All The Family Clothing, Furniture

An early morning fire at Hawk Run, in the Phillipsburg section, Thanksgiving Day, drove the Sleigh family out into the cold night in their bare feet and wearing nothing but their night clothes. The house, garage and greenhouse were leveled to the ground by the blaze which consumed all the family's clothing, furniture and household goods. Damage was estimated at \$4,000. Within the last few years the house was remodeled and covered with brick-like shingles and a new roof was put on the house. The interior of the home was refurnished and the family had just recently secured new furniture and appliances. The following persons were made homeless by the fire: William Sleigh, who was not home at the time; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sleigh, June 20, Burge 16 and Marvin 3. When the fire was first discovered by a passing neighbor, the Sleigh family was in bed. Already the fire had gained much headway and the mother took the 3-year-old son, Marvin, and the father the 20-year-old crippled daughter, June, and with the 16-year-old son they rushed out into the snow in their bare feet. No furniture or clothing was saved but the car was moved to safety before the garage burned down. Within a few minutes after the alarm sounded at 12:30 o'clock, the flames, fanned by the high wind, enveloped the entire house and rapidly spread to the greenhouse and garage. Burning debris flew through the air great distances. Many residents kept close watch over their own homes and raked up the burning pieces as they fell in their yards. Firemen were unable to do anything to save the burning structure with the headway it had gained and being swept by the gale-like wind, it was impossible to check the destruction of the blaze. Booster tanks were used to prevent the fire spreading to the nearby Hickson home. The intense heat of the fire consumed everything. Even the new kitchen range and the new parlor heating stove were practically burned to ashes in the blaze. The Sleigh homestead stood only (Continued on Page 7)

Alleged Killer Held Without Bail

Altoona Man Remains Unshaken as He Hears Confession Read

Calm and unshaken while he heard the reading of the confession on that he fired the fatal shot gun blast into the face of Mrs. Betty May Yeager, 20, his boarding housekeeper's daughter, Eugene W. Miller, 27-year-old father, was held without bail last week on a formal charge of murder. Also held without bail in the same fatal shooting occurrence in an Altoona boarding house was his companion, Francis T. Harmon, 29, of whom Miller admitted he was jealous. Harmon was held as an accessory after the fact for shielding Miller after the fatal shooting. Miller and Harmon heard testimony offered by Harry Barton, undertaker's assistant, that when he arrived at the boarding house he found Mrs. Yeager's body. He said that several of her teeth had been knocked out and part of her jawbone shattered by the charge from the 12-gauge shotgun. Lieutenant Haberstroh of the Altoona city police force said Harmon had been threatened by the older (Continued on page six)

Death Cancels Wedding Plans

Husband-to-Be of Young Greensburg Woman Killed in Accident

Death cancelled the Christmas wedding plans of a young Greensburg woman by claiming her husband-to-be, G. W. McElhoo, 32. Just before McElhoo left on a trip to New York last week, he and Vivian Jennings bought furniture for their future home. On the way back to Greensburg in a trailer-truck during a sleet storm, McElhoo and his father saw a truck lurching out of control on the ice-covered William Penn Highway at Armath, Indiana County. The elder McElhoo yelled to his son to jump. Both did jump, but the son was hit by the skidding truck. He died of a broken neck and fractured skull.

STRAY BULLET KILLS HUNTER

A stray bullet from a high powered rifle ploughed through the arm and heart of 54-year-old Thomas J. Long, DuBois, R. D. 1, killing him instantly as he was hunting in the DuBois section Monday morning. The dead body of the hunter, the first hunting fatality in that section in three years, was found in the snow nine miles from DuBois by Paul Vandorfer, one of the men with whom Long had been hunting. Dr. E. S. Erhard, deputy coroner of Clearfield county, said Long and the three companions he had set out with Monday morning, had not been driving but had been "pot hunting."

Can't Escape Floods

In an effort to get out of the "flood district" in Lock Haven and into a warmer climate, Mr. and Mrs. T. I. Allbach, for many years residents of Lock Haven, a year ago removed to Amarillo, Texas, only now to find themselves in the heart of a present flood and storm district. The couple resides with their son, Theodore, and his family in that southern city.

Turnip Grew and Grew

Charles Kilmer, of Estella, Lycoming county, planted turnips in his potato patch, getting a crop of 16 bushels, all large turnips of the rutabaga variety. The largest weighed 15 pounds, and measured 30 inches by 34 inches around.

5 Countries Represented

Students from five foreign countries spoke last week at a campus Thanksgiving program at Penn State, giving thanks for various cultures and races in America. The students, all enrolled in the Pennsylvania State College, were from Switzerland, China, Czechoslovakia, Cuba, and Hungary.

Pilot of Last Raft Dies

Edward Richard Winner, 71, former riverman and tobacco grower and pilot of the ill-starred "Last Raft," which crashed into a railroad bridge south of Union, died at his home in Lock Haven, Thursday, having been ill of complications.

Chums Army Buddies

Donald I. Reitz and Peter L. Motern, of Sunbury, who fought for Sunbury High School together on many a football and baseball field, will open their army careers together after induction at Wilkes-Barre. They are the first recruits assigned for selective service training by draft board number three, of that city.

Police Probe Shooting Case. Admitting it is a puzzling case, Altoona police investigators are probing the shooting of Mrs. Marjorie Merritt, 29, of that city, who is a patient at Mtrcy hospital with a bullet wound in her chest. Mrs. Merritt, according to reports, staggered into her parents' home last Thursday morning and told of being shot. The shooting, it is said, occurred in a parking lot. At the hospital, Mrs. Merritt stated that while her companion was out of the car temporarily, she discovered a revolver, and while handling it the gun accidentally discharged.

BRUSH VALLEY, A LAND OF CAVERNS

Editor's Note.—J. W. Brungrat, of Glen Rock, Pa., the writer of this article, gives us some interesting facts about the physical formation of Centre county's historic Brush Valley, which no doubt will reveal information hitherto little known to many of our readers. It is a privilege to produce Mr. Brungrat's article in these columns in his own interesting style. I have been a reader of The Centre Democrat almost continuously since 1898, and many changes have taken place since then in Brush Valley the locality I wish to write about. And strange as it may seem, when I receive my paper, one of the first columns I look for, is on Second Section which always contains a variety of interesting news, such as early pioneer life, pioneer industries, hunting, and Indian exploits. Thanks to Mr. Shoemaker and the rest of the contributors. Many of the articles published I have saved for my scrap-book, and I am sure many young folks would find such a scrap-book very interesting in years to come. In order to explain any mistakes that may appear in this bit of news, I must give the readers a somewhat personal introduction. I was born at the old homestead, now owned by W. D. Walker, Nov. 14, 1877. Left there in 1898 for the Western States. Later returning to Pennsylvania. I was married and started housekeeping in York, Pa., in 1903, moved to Glen Rock 1904, lived in Smiltion from 1907 to 1910, lived in Texas until 1915. We again returned to York county where my great-great-grandfather, Jacob Brungrat, resided near Black Rock in Manheim Township. Later the estate called Martinsburg was purchased by Martin Brungrat. In 1877 Martin sold the farm and located at Cape of Good Hope, Sinking Spring Valley, Northumberland county. Later it became Centre county. I have in my possession a deed of transfer of land between Frederick Haller and Samuel Miles, dated Nov. 24, 1773, which was called Cape of Good Hope, in Sinking Spring Valley. I also have the original deed dated May 24, 1782, when the same property was transferred by Samuel Miles to Martin Brungrat. What I really want to write about is Sinking Spring Valley, why it is so named, and how many now living in Brush Valley know that it was ever known as Sinking Spring Valley. Many times you see the slogan, that Pennsylvania has everything. I wonder how many realize that Brush Valley as it is now called, is located over a net work of caverns and underground water courses. If they could be explored, something beyond all imagination would be revealed. Most of the main channels can be traced by sink holes or depressions, caused by the roof of rocks falling into the caverns. The reason I gave my personal introduction is because I am not familiar with the present owners of farms I am about to mention, some I know, some are strangers to me. Beginning at where I was born now owned by Mr. W. D. Walker, at the northern edge of the fields, and just at the foot of the mountains, there is a large sink or cave-in where the water from a number of springs sinks into the rock crevices, that is the largest one to the East I can recall. From the one just mentioned the course can be traced west along the northern edge of the fields and foot of mountain to the former John Hosterman farm, now owned by Mr. Stover. Then the course continues west to the George Weaver farm and John Breen farm. I believe now owned by Adam Winters; then southwest to the Jerome Meyer farm now occupied by Mr. Fred Bohm; then continuing South West to the Henry Meyer farm and E. M. Creek and one of the main channels. Here probably is one of the outstanding reasons why the Valley was named Sinking Springs. Here the entire creek disappears unless during rainy weather and sometimes the crevices clog with weeds, etc., then it flows in main creek to the largest sink on the former Thomas Walker farm. From this sink several channels can be followed, the main one North to the former Spangler farm. At this place are two large sinks, separated by a bridge of rocks about 35 or 40 feet thick. Under the bridge of rocks was an opening large enough that a person could ride beneath on horse back. At one time they had installed a wind wheel, large (Continued on page seven)

Seek Increase In Teachers' Salary

9,000 Teachers Getting Less Than \$1,000 Yearly May Benefit

Pennsylvania will be asked to provide greater financial school aid next year, and measures to that end will be introduced in the 1941 legislature, which convenes January 7, it was disclosed on Saturday. Pointing to a revival of one of the major issues of the 1939 legislative session, the Pennsylvania School Directors Association revealed it is prepared to go along with teachers organizations which seek to increase the pay of some 9,000 Pennsylvania teachers receiving \$1,000 a year or less. But there was one important proviso. P. O. Van Ness, executive director of the School Directors Association, explained: "We are willing to go along on this, but some provision must be made to reimburse the school districts. Otherwise such a measure would bankrupt many districts."

Highway Forces Ready for Battle

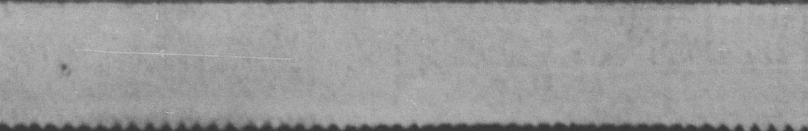
Keeping Roads Open For Winter Travel Is No Small Task

Mobilization orders have been issued to the field forces of the Pennsylvania Department of Highways in their annual battle with the elements to keep the roads open for winter travel. During the coming week the department plans to keep out a record-breaking total of 19,236 miles of road open on its snow removal program. Centre county has 35,033 miles of roads to be kept clean. Under the law the department cannot assume the responsibility for snow removal on city streets that form parts of State Highway routes. It is permitted, however, to perform this service on State routes in boroughs. The equipment for the annual battle with the elements has been assembled and with last Tuesday's snowfall has already gone into action. Officials of the Department urge motorists to use caution while traveling on icy or slippery roads. Care also may save the life of or prevent (Continued on page seven)

'KEEPING UP WITH THE JONESES' — No Answer to That, Sonny



WELL—MAYBE YOU KNOW IF THERE'S A FILLING STATION OR A STORE NEAR HERE WHERE I COULD FIND OUT...



CANCELLED GAME:

This corner never expected to live to see the day when the traditional Bellefonte-State College football game would be cancelled because the weather didn't look so hot. We could have understood a postponement—but we can't understand the cancellation. It establishes a precedent in local football circles, at least. The precedent might lead to cancellation in future years, because the left off-tackle for Bellefonte has a home spawn, or because the upper guard on the State College team has a date with a blonde and doesn't want to risk chances of a black eye. They say when you begin harping about the "good old days" you're beginning to show your age but this corner still likens younger became things before 1940. When they scheduled a game then they played it in spite of horrendous odds from the weather—and they always got a good crowd. Can it be that Centre county football is going cream puff?

SANTA'S VISIT:

When Santa Claus paid a visit to Bellefonte by train, Friday afternoon, the Howard youngster became so enthusiastic when the train enroute here stopped at Howard, that a Howard youngster insisted that her mother bribe her to Bellefonte on the train so "she could ride with Santa." Mother finally gave in and father had to drive the family car to Bellefonte to bring them home. One Bellefonte mother, fearful that her youngsters would fall to catch candy thrown out by Santa, provided herself with several sticks of candy beforehand. As Santa passed the little family group, the mother reached into her pocket, went through the motions of picking candy out of the air, and handed them to the youngsters. They never knew the difference.

SMOKER:

Earl Heverly of the Chemical Lime office staff, forewore the use of tobacco eight weeks. But get him to tell you about The Blessings of Quitting Smoking, including how he gained 14 pounds in 8 short weeks.

HOOPER:

Former President Hoover's campaign to feed the hungry civilian population of war-torn Europe must be good news to Adolf Hitler. It isn't that we're hard-hearted, or that we want to see women and children suffer from hunger, but for us to feed the people made hungry by Hitler's war, is to encourage him to forget that responsibility. And he can always figure that if his armies get hungry he can chase on the food we send for the women and children. Food ships would cripple Britain's blockade against Germany—the chief weapon the Empire has in its one-armed struggle. It is better to let us go hungry now than for millions to live in permanent enslavement.

WILLKIE LETTER:

Caroline Clark, ten-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sawyer Clark, of Buffalo Run Valley, is the (Continued on Page 5)

Kills Rabbit With Stone

An occurrence this fall strongly indicates that Bob and Ed Allgar, of Stillwater, near Bloomsburg, didn't get all of their baseball ability from their father, although Arthur Allegar was a swell ball player over a long period of years. The other day a young hound at the home chased a rabbit across from the nearby woods. Mrs. Allegar got the gun and the rabbit came toward her as she pulled the trigger. Nothing happened. So she put the gun down and in the same motion picked up a stone and let fly. It hit the rabbit square on the head and killed it. Later examining the gun to ascertain why it had not discharged she found that the safety was on.

By POP MOMAND

