Odd and CURIOUS in the NEWS **

NO CORPSE

A mourning call turned out to be an early morning call Friday, when the Fetcenko clan, of Troy, filled five, cars and headed for Wilkes-Barre because of a reported death in the family. Word had been received of the death of John Perishian, former Troy resident, and members of the go there and pay their last respects. Arriving early Friday morning they were greeted by Jim Petrishian in the flesh. There was no corpse. The telephone call remains unexplained. The Fetcenkos did not reveal the reason for their visit, the first since the Petrishians moved to Wilkes-Barre 13 years ago, and a real family reunion was enjoyed.

BELATED GIFTS

Twenty-one-year-old Brandon M. had been mailed to him from Har- threatened to "end it all." risburg 18 years ago by an aunt. Postal officials said the Harrisburg office was being altered at the time, and the package was found recently during other alterations.

HELP WANTED

Uncle Sam is looking for a chap who can blow his own horn-long and loud. The army recruiting station at Philadelphia sent out a call for a B-flat double bass horn player for the 12th Infantry Band at Arlington, Va. The successful applicant will have a chance for plenty of tooting. He must enlist for three years.

ELEPHANTS OILED

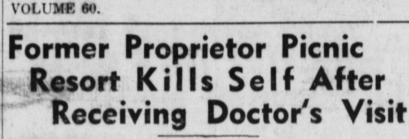
The elephants were oiled at the Philadelphia Zoo last week. Keep- a slight injury, but his wife and er Pat Cronin explained that each several other passengers were unin-Spring they must be bathed with hardened skin. The work is done a freight train at the Howard crossboot-dressing to soften their winter in sections. An all-over oil bath, Cronin said, would stop their pores and they would suffocate.

SAVED HIS THUMB

Albert Nicholson, of Newport, Ky., Those in the car which stalled on a surgeon told him. Nicholson went and driven by Mr. Bradley. home, retrieved the missing part-and now has a whole thumb.

Taken to Penitentiary

Emerson Dreisbach, of Militon, was taken from the Northumberland Tyrone School county prison to Eastern State Penry yesterday to serve



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family formed a motor caravan to Clyde Martin, Suffering from Nervous Breakdown, Ends His Life By Blast From Shotgun at His Son's Home

While suffering from a nervous | wife, have been residing with a son breakdown due to worry over busi- Clarence LeRoy Martin, near the ness troubles, Clyde A. Martin, 59, Sugar Run school. Early in the afuntil recently proprietor of Martin's ternoon, Martin asked his daughter-Grove, near Beech Creek, shot and in-law to go out for some water, and killed himself last Thursday after- it was during her absence that he noon at his son's home. shot himself through the head with

Mr. Martin had been in a despon- a short-barreled shotgun. Whistler, of Flourtown, Pa, couldn't dent frame of mind for some time The women, too upset to investibelieve his eyes when he received a and his condition had become a gate the accident themselves, sought Christmas package postmarked in source of alarm to his family. Wed- aid of George M. Peters of Beech 1932. He opened it to find two toy nesday, he went to see his sister, Creek, teacher at the nearby school watches and two \$1 bills-obsolete Miss Lily, at Flemington, and at and he found the body. Dr. W. J. now because of their size-which that time, it is reported, had Shoemaker, coroner, said the death was suicide. No inquest would be Worried by his condition she had necessary.

Mr. Martin was born November requested Dr. George H. Tibbens of Beech Creek, to visit him, and the 17, 1881, and had resided for forty doctor had scarcely returned home years in Beech Creek. He was a from that visit when the tragedy farmer and for a number of years was also assistant to the forest ranoccured.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin, his invalid ger stationed at Beech Creek. For the past 18 years he had operated

Martin's Grove which he had developed into a picnic spot. He conducted a small store in connection with the Grove.

James Falls, all of Beech Creek;

Freight Hits Car He was a member of St. Paul's Episcopal church of Lock Haven Surviving him are his wife, the Howard Man's Auto Demol-former Rosa K. Chubb, five sons, ished at P. R. R. Crossand five daughters, Lloyd, William, Clarence LeRoy, Perry McDowell

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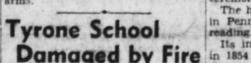
SECTION

Sarkis Joseph of Howard received Mrs. Walter Hahn, and Mrs. Claude Force, both of Moshannon, and Mrs. Raymond Baumgartner, Monument; jured when a car driven by Chet (Continued on Page Eight) Bradley, Curwensville, was struck by ing last Thursday night. LDEST

The car was almost completely demolished when it and its passengers were dragged along the side of the track for a distance of more than 50 feet.

dashed to a hospital when he sliced the track at the station crossing off the end of his thumb with a cir- were Mr. and Mrs. Sarkis Joseph of cular saw. "If I had the rest of it, Howard; Chet Bradley of Curwens-I could sew it back on, and you'd ville, and another passenger from not lose so much time from work." Curwensville. The car was owned

Mr. Joseph, a Howard barber, suffered a slight injury to one of



Panic

school in Tyrone.

Pennsylvania State College re-ceived a valuable addition to its historical department recently when States." The oil still is a memento but it was so odoriferous that it was the united ation. It accomplished the purpose were sixty of these plants. Today, states is a memento but it was so odoriferous that it was the united ation. It accomplished the purpose were sixty of these plants. Today, states is a memento but it was so odoriferous that it was it installed the gift of the "oldest to his invention genius and enter- objectionable for use within the two refineries in the state of Pennbome. petroleum refinery still in the west-ern hemisphere." The apparatus has Kier first came into contact with The first refinery was set up in ond in value of manufactured pro-

been placed on exhibition in the petroleum in 1842 when he found Pittsburgh at the southeastern cor- ducts, being exceeded only by steel museum of the School of Mineral the now valuable crude seeping from ner of Grant street and Seventh works products. Imports from many Industries where brief installation brine wells in Tarentum where his avenue, where it occupied a one- distant sources are now necessary

Industries where brief installation brine weils in Tarentum where his avenue, where it occupied a total doubt and the operated a salt man-ceremonies were held last Thursday. The history of pioneer oil refining the operated a salt man-the history of pioneer oil refining plant. A continually ty-four feet. It had a daily refining crude oil introduction from the Gulf ville; and several brothers and sis-ters. This movement has become so ex-its invention by Samuel M. Kier odor and sight it appeared to be not fining capacity of 4,456,620 barrels. This movement has become so ex-its invention by Samuel M. Kier of all the oil refined to be not fining capacity of 4,456,620 barrels. in 1854 antedates by five years the greatly different from the petrol- according to W. K. Cadman, petrol- tensive that of all the oil refined ber of the Williamsburg Methodist B. Proudfoot, Franklin. Each man at the table received as a prize of Colonel Edwin L. Drake, who lieved to be a panacea for all hu- Wichita, Kansas, and a Penn State per cent is of Pennsylvania origin. brought in the first well in the world man ailments. Kier had a chemist graduate who is one of the leading Far more significant than the reladrilled for oil. That was in 1859. analyze it and was informed it was authorities on the life and work of lively small amount of the nation's Averts Serious Fire and The Kler invention, which until identical with the medical substance, Samuel M. Kler. Mrs. William M. crude oil refined within the State, recent months was rusting and dis- so he proceeded to market the by- McKee, Salina, niece of Mr. Kler, is the importance to the world of has presented the School of Mineral the finished product. Premium lubused in the Salina, Pa., brick plant product for its curative values. A teacher's keen sense of smell of the General Refractories Com- Within three years, however, it Industries with a bottle of crude ricating oil, manufactured from conaverted a serious fire and possible pany which has now presented it to was discovered that the fluid was petroleum which Kier marketed tiguous parts of Ohio. New York panic last Wednesday at the Logan the College, has been halled as one accumulating more rapidly than it pilor to the establishment of the re- State and West Virginia, is marketed all over the world, Pennsylvania of the earliest milestones in the de- could be sold and as a consequence finery. velopment of a billion-dollar indus- Kler determined to see other prac- Pittsburgh soon became the im- is still a most important factor in Evelyn Cowher, fourth grade instructor, detected the odor of smoke try. Some authorities refer to Kier tical uses it might have. The still portant refining center of the world, the petroleum industry in the Unittion on a charge of impersonating from a blaze in the walls. Without as the "grandfather of the Ameri- was built in an effort to refine the In 1860 there were five refineries in (Continued on Page 8)

Altoona Pa. R. R. Worker Is Convicted By Jury For

of 15 Years and 10 Years, Respectively,

A jury in the Hollidaysburg court court room, comforted by her mothon Saturday brought in a verdict er.

for conviction against Eugene M. Stoltz, 26. of Altoona, on rape and scribed the circumstances incident In a page 1 box the other day sodemy charges for his alleged at- to the attack. She said she took her The Daily Journal of Philipsburg. tack on attractive Opal Lovett, 19, daughter over town to the movies published an item under the headlast September at Altoona

Following the announcement the verdict, the defendant's attor-ney asked for time to file a motion she went over to the theatre but it Members of the fire and police comfor a new trial. Meanwhile, Stoltz, was closed, Then she went home to mittee of the council will give orders college man and Pennsylvania rail- weit for her daughter. She said her to the burgess and the burgess is. road worker, was again freed under other daughter was with Opal when turn will pass out the instructions a new \$2,500 bail bond.

A Visitor In Seven Thousand Homes Each Week.

When Stoltz went on trial last m. the charges made against him, stating that he never saw or was aclast year quainted with Miss Lovett, prior to his arrest. He said that on the night the attack was alleged to have been made on the girl, that he and his girl friend. Miss Ora Stehle, attended a moving picture theatre, and vice Commission in the hope that sion. Four years of experience in a that he was in her company until some of our readers may find oppor- factory or shipyard manufacturing midnight, when he went home

Miss Stehle also testified to having been out with Stoltz on the night member the name of the theatre.

Stoltz's alleged victim, Opal Lovett, bore up well throughout the long grind of cross-examination to into tears. She walked from the

citizens a new conception of railroad agency administration. Unfailingly courteous, never out of humor and always obliging, he made it a pleasure to have business to transact with the railroad here. But it is because he is that type of man that we couldn't expect to keep him here permanently Mrs. Lovett, the girl's mother, de- WHO IS BOSS?

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and returned home; that Opal al- ing: "Who Is Boss in Bellefonte?" of ways came home early, and when Here is the item: "The town coun-

Random

road. He brought to many Bellefonte

ltems

AGENT LEAVES

she finally came home about 2:45 a. to the police." For the information of our friends on the Journal, we Wednesday he emphatically denied told her story in detail to the jury we who live in Bellefonte don't know Opal calmly and unemotionally advise them not to get excited. Even of Stoltz's criminal assault of her who is the boss FACT:

She said Stoltz picked her up Centre county, treated by the about 11 o'clock on the night of September 27th, while she was walk- State Fish Commission as well if ing home from the theatre. Pre- not better than any other county in the State, complains loudest against tending to know one of her sisters, he feigned concern over her being the Commission and its works and out so late at night and "feared" ways. If you don't believe that, look at the record.

We don't know how you feel about

ing something to help win the war.

ing several nights a week learning

feel that we're in danger of inva-

LET'S GET READY:

Williamsburg Man it, but we know we'd like to be do-Dies by Own Hand We'd like, for example, to be spendfire-fighting tactics; military infor-Members of Family Discover mation; what to do in case of an Body Hanging on Front air raid; or helping to crate boxes of shells, or something. Not that we

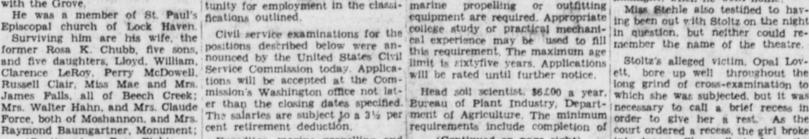
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Porch

sion, but merely because we'd like Jesse Quinton Nicodemus, 65. to have some personal and substanhung himself early Monday morn-tial connection with all-out aid to ing on the front porch at his Wi-democracies. We feel that such acliamsburg residence. His body was tivities, on a nationwide scale, would discovered by members of his fam- bring home better than anything Chief of Police John H. Liebeelse the necessity for speed and conily. gott summoned Deputy Ooroner Dr. certed action. And we wouldn't want C. E. Shope who ruled the death a to be paid for such work, either.

suicide. Motive was unknown. QUIZ: Born at East Sharpsburg, April At the State Chamber of Com-19 1875, he was the son of Daniel and Elizabeth (Graybill) Nicodemerce meeting last week. Bellefonte's mus. He married Elizabeth Alice Kensinger in Hollidaysburg. Members of the family include his wife and one daughter, Mrs. ville; and several brothers and sis- Greensburg; B. L. Daniels,

C. of C. secretary, Karl E. Kusse, sat at the table of eight which won first prize in a quiz on questions regarding Pennsylvania. Others at the table were: Kenneth R. Query. R.W. Crist. and J. P. Malia, all of Harris-Mr. Nicodemus was educated in burg; Earl D. Bacon, Sharon; E. F. Smith, Jr., Wilkes-Barre, and Frank at the table received as a prize



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Migrating Time

A FLOCK OF 'EM

WANT A GOVERNMENT JOB?

The following is published by re- outfitting equipment, \$3,200 a year.

quest of the United States Civil Ser- United States Maritime Commis-

FLEW OVER

YESTERDAY

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THEY SAY SOME

OF'EM CAN FLY OVERSEA

Head soil scientist. \$6.00 a year, which she was subjected, but it was er than the closing dates specified. Bureau of Plant Industry, Depart- necessary to call a brief recess in The salaries are subject to a 312 per ment of Agriculture. The minimum order to give her a rest. As the cent retirement deduction. requirements include completion of court ordered a recess, the girl broke Expediter, marine propelling and (Continued on page eight) **OIL REFINERY ON**

equipment are required. Appropriate cal experience may be used to fill this requirement. The maximum age limit is sixtyfive years. Applications

This corner regrets the departure from our midst of G. E. Hillegass. Pennsylvania Railroad agent for the past six years. Mr. Hillegass has been transferred to the Mt. Union station, along the main line of the Alleged Attack On Girl Eugene M. Stoltz Faces Maximum Sentence

NEWS,

FEATURES

on Rape and Sodomy Charges

10 year sentence for the fatal shooting of his father, Ralph. Dreisbach, Teacher's Keen Sense of Smell convicted of voluntary manshaughter for shooting his father during an argument over removal of a latch from their bathroom door. was sentenced Tuesday by Judge Herbert W. Cummings.

Tyrone Resident Released

Foster Donald Webb, of Tyrone. was placed on three years probaa census enumerator. He was given warning the children, she sounded a hearing before Judge Albert W. the fire alarm and then cooly led Johnson in the United States super- out the 450 children in the record lor court at Scranton. time of 45 seconds.

The advertising space in The Cen- and partition directly over the furtre Democrat is a commodity, some- nace. The three companies of the times referred to as publicity. Nat- Tyrone fire department responded urally, the more publicity a news- to a general alarm, and succeeded paper gives, the more the cost. in confining the loss to an estimated \$1.000

Voluntary Loss of Teeth Is No Detour Around 'Uncle's' Army

There is at least one recruit in fect. He called up the draft board Uncle Sam's military force who is and was told that the registrant had Scott was a Republican political at Hollidaysburg. going to eat Army food without the all his teeth when first examined. "boss' who "ruled" the Philipsburg Judge George G. Patierson acceptproper number of teeth. Then the captain "smelled a State Hospital.

He was classified as A-1 by a Har- mouse," as it were. He went to work The Record had stated that Miss manslaughter but deferred sentence Dear Grandpa: was classified as Ar by a classified as Ar b risburg draft board. He appealed his on the youth. He learned that a few Anna Lauman, now superintend- until Wednesday in order to hear draft board was upheld. When he traveled to Shamokin, where he had was dismissed in 36 as superintendappeared for induction at the Har-risburg military post on Saturday all went well until it came to teeth. The avamining dentist peered into appeared for induction at the Har- five perfectly good molars extracted. dent at Philipsburg after disclos-

large number missing. plained the case The captain was enraged that

Result: He was told to accept the nington, then State Welfare Secretime and energy had been wasted in young man regardless of the missing sending him a man with such a de- teeth.

Maybe You Think It Can't Happen to You; That's What Others Thought

Gosh! The things that do happen | For example, we read recently of to us! If you don't believe that some one person who brushed his teeth accidents are well mixed with trag- with such vigor that he finally gaspedy and humor, start a clipping file ed for breath-and swallowed his of the unusual antics that we hu-toothbrush. Another, where a young mans go through daily. Your daily lady took a hasty bite into a lus-newspaper is a constant source of clous hot dog sandwich, later re-oddities that will crack your upper quiring two stitches to close the know of him to do a thing that lip. Since this is National Accident wound in her thumb. Still another, would indicate anything but a sinand Health Insurance Week we'll of the unsuperstitious woman who cere concern to be helpful and a dereview some of the more odd ways didn't believe that bad luck followed sire to lend constructive assistance in which we humans become in- black cats. It remains, however, that to any undertaking that would be jured. (Continued on page eight)

Negro Handyman's Death Leaves 1939 Slaying of Woman Unsolved an active member of the board un-

sin of Mrs. Edward Richard, form- chanan's slayer. erly of Bellefonte, is now expected Robinson was discharged in Feo-to remain an unsolved crime, owing ruary, 1940, for lack of evidence, but

The 1939 slaying of Mrs. Clara O. torney charged recently in his an-Buchanan, of Norristown, wife of a nual report that Robinson definitely that tended to benefit and improve paper company executive and a cou- was believed to have been Mrs. Bu- this hospital.

to the death last week of Edward H the district attorney declared that what he had visioned become re-

Montgomery Hospital of a ruptured appendix. Montgomery county's district at-Montgomery county's district at-Montgomery county's district at-

Miller Guilty of Scott Defended The fire started in the flooring **On Senate Floor**

pital Dismissal

floor

Clearfield Member Refutes Jury Convicts Slayer of Mrs. Writes of Army Life at Mis- Long-Range Planes Arrive to Pennsylvania Railroad two years State Police, were just beginning to Betty May Yeager of Statements Concerning Hos-

Altoona

Senator A. H. Letzler, Rep., Clear-field, defended former State Sen-fessed slayer of 20-year-old Mrs. activities at Camp Shelby. Miss., huge four-motored bombers had ator Harry B. Scott on the Senate Betty May Yeager, in Altoona, last was written by Jack Kessinger to landed in England from the United last Wednesday afternoon November 19, was found guilty of his grandfather, William F. Kes- States and that vast, hidden stores against an allegation in a Philadel- manslaughter late Saturday after- singer, of Blanchard. It will prove of bombers and fighters were ready phia Record story of March 12 that noon in Blair county criminal court interesting reading to the many to take the air in the battle of

tary, as saying that Scott obtained free service for political constituents. opened mail and otherwise "ruled"

the hospital in his home county. Letzler asserted that the Philipsburg board was unanimous in its protest against the dismissal of Miss Lauman and he described it as "a political dismissal by the Earle ad-

ministration." Letzler added:

selecting a jury. "I have known honorable Harry B. Scott at Philipsburg for a great

helpful to the people in his home town.

"It was in this spirit that he devoted so much of his time to the Philipsburg State Hospital. He was til he became state senator and served as secretary-treasurer. Senator

Letzler contin "It was his child, his dream, and

he was privileged to see much of Ribbinson, 32, the Buchanan's new evidence was uncovered after ality. His untiring effort saw old negro handyman. Robinson died in the man was stricken.

home area: ed the defense counsel's plea of

the manslaughter conviction on the basis of Miller's mentality, said to here. I like it very much. The be that of a moron. He claimed that population is about 60,000 now and evidence presented did not warrant more coming in every day. a first degree murder charge. The have concrete streets and there are

sentence for voluntary manslaughter tents as far as you can see. I think not more than 12 years in prison. the area of the camp is about 14 Miller was not called to the stand miles long and 14 miles wide at the at any time, either by the defense present and the Government is go-or commonwealth, in the trial which ing to buy more land around the started Friday and ended abruptly camp in order to make room for

at 4:30 o'clock Saturday. Consider- the incoming soldiers. The country around here is very flat. It has a few trees, mostly able difficulty was experienced in

Constantly maintaining a sober pine.. We are 120 miles from New expression, the young father of three Orleans and 14 miles from Hatties-(Contined on page eight) (Continued on page eight)

friends of the young man in his Britain.

sissippi Training Quar-

ters

Blanchard Boy

Manslaughter At Camp Shelby

Camp Shelby, Miss.

This is a wonderful place down tal in our history.

black headlines in the Sunday Chronicle proclaimed that Britain now is producing 3,200 of all types each month and that her production peak has not yet been reached.

range enough to bring the remotest corners of German-dominated territory into the Royal Air Force's target area was disclosed in a com-

Secreted in "storage houses distributed everywhere" are the greatest reserves of bombers and fighters

Giant Bombers

Take Part in Battle of

Atlantic

He called it a "record surpassing types have reached the highest to-

the truck wrecked.

three silver dollars-which the State Chamber had to secure from the **Beech Creek Has** U. S. Treasury at Washington when Two Fires Add to Excitement of News of Several Deaths

of events, more or less exciting last MYSTERY:

word was received of the sudden Schad's mine, along the highway beleath at Pittsburgh of George Mc- tween Bellefonte and - Milesburg. Carthy, a native of Beech Creek. Sheriff Miller; his deputy, Lee son of a well known family, who re- Davies, and officers Herman, Chop tired as a telegraph operator on the and Ream, of Rockview barracks ago after 40 years in the service. chop and ream their way through About 10 o'clock an alarm of fire a mass of water-logged earth and took the Beech Creek Volunteer Fire rock which block entrance into the Company's truck to the home of 60-foot drift. It's a weird quest. The

chimney set fire to shingles on the ered hunting cap near the entrance. roof, a hole several feet square be- Upon digging around a terrible odor ing burned before extinguished but filled the mine. A white substance without much damage. seen in the water is said to have

About 12:30 p. m. the fire alarm been analyzed and according to reounded again for a fire in the barn ports is quick-lime. Since Saturday on the lot back of the residence of water has caused the roof of the Loren Scantlin on North Water mine to fall in several places. The street. The quick burst of flames, mountain in which the mine is lonot promptly discovered, and origin cated, long claimed to hold mineral unknown, made saving the structure treasures of fabulous riches, so far mpossible. This attracted a big has been richer in good news storcrowd. The loss is covered by insur-ance. ies about hidden treasure and lodes of pure lead and silver, than in The building was of medium size, actual treasure. Whatever is the out-

and the wind carried the flames come of Tuesday's exploration, it can do no less than add to the col-Then came the news that the well orful lore being amassed about the known Clyde A. Martin, former pro- mountain which protects Bellefonte prietor of Martin's Grove, had shot from cold winds from the north.

SUNDAY SCHOOL:

Elsie Grenoble, of Madisonburg. Produce Scattered in Wreck writes that she has missed only one Apples and corn were tossed far. wide and handsome one night last Sunday school session since October week several miles southwest of 2, 1927. The absence occurred April Philipsburg on the Tyrone Pike road 28, 1929 and resulted when she was ers from the United States with er, Philipsburg, R. D., skidded and jured that she was unable to leave then upset. Motor police said Guyer, her bed. She notes that some Sundriver of the truck which was load- day schools allow several absences ed with apples and corn, received a yearly for illness without marring laceration behind the right ear when perfect attendance records. The (Continued on page five)



I am very sorry that I haven't in history, Lord Beaverbrook, minister of aircraft production, de-

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fighters and bombers alike. Both away from nearby buildings, Although the numbers of British We planes are a closely guarded secret. himself.

Beech Creek residents had a series Britain Gets U.S.

church

it was found that no Harrisburg Day of Events Our Mr. Kusse is considerably elated over the results of the quiz. He modestly refrains from telling how many of the questions he answered personally, but even his most bitter enemies will have to give him credit for being smart enough to pick the winning table.

Thursday. Early in the morning We've just come from Charlie

John B. Miller on the road to story is that Mr. Schad, visiting the Blanchard, where a spark from the mine Saturday, found a blood-cov-