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deep in the New Julian coal mine east of Vincennes, Ind., lost his pocketbook. Weeks later a fireman on a Baltimore and Ohio railroad ocomotive nearing Flora, Ill., found it in a shovelful of coal. The pocketbook had ridden out of the mine on a coal conveyor, been washed and sorted and dumped into a hopper and found its way through a coaling station into the locomotive tender. Cannon got it back.

KIND HEARTED

Charles W. Clapper, Duncansville, Reading. But when Clapper retrieved his auto a few days later he marveled at: The car was unscathed; the cooling system was drained as an anti-freeze precaution; and-the his auto was stolen.

WRONG SIGNAL

Paul G. Smith, 24, of Harrisburg, witchcraft. responded cheerily when hailed by Specifically, he was condemned craft." tions. Instead, he was nabbed, pulled vecchio in 1932. into the car and driven to Reservoir Park, where he was relieved of \$17, struck in the face and tossed out to walk several miles back home. State police joined in a search for four Negro occupants of the car.

RURAL ADDRESS

Draft board officials at Danville, N. Y., had to turn detectives to locate one registrant in this area but they were finally able to reach their man. On his registration he had in-

RABBIT HUNTER?

a civil war cannon around without from the cash register. a license, notify the Police Departative eye on the metal market, took gun and demanded money. the battle-scarred piece from its mounting in a park.

DEER CHASES DOG

Reversing the usual process, Raymond Pratt, game warden at Bratmond Pratt, game warden at Brattleboro, Vt., was called recently to Seek Hitch Hiker rescue a dog from the infuriated attacks of a deer. The dog escaped after being chased for two hours by the animal.

Construction Record Fifty homes and two apartment

houses, costing \$427,640 were built in money spent in construction during the year to \$629,760, a new record for all kinds of construction.

Receive Defense Contract

was one for the MacLaren Sportswear, Ltd., firm, Philipsburg, Centre county. Amounting to \$44,977, it is for 60,000 wool trousers.

Clinton County Statistics

According to figures released by the United States Census, Clinton county had 27 wholesale establish-

RAVELING PURSE Sleeps Five Hours Before Going to Death in Chair For 'Murder By Poison'

The Most Widely Read Newspaper In Centre County.

He was pronounced dead four

tool of a man well-versed in witch-

The state, however, charged that

Petrillo was a leader of the ring

which dealt in "hexing," the "evil

eye," and "magic love potions."

A second woman, Mrs. Grace Gio-

week by the State Supreme Court.

case which was uncovered by chance

Service agents, investigating coun-

the syndicate from Herman Petrillo.

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Altoona Tribune)

fertile pen of our good friend, Dr.

W. Frank Beck, of Altoona, is most

opportune and timely.

Seven men and three women got

under sentence to die.

Paul Petrillo, South Philadelphia Tailor, Executed at Rockview Early Monday For Part In Diabolic Poison Plot

Paul Petrillo, awakened from a Petrillo, who had made no last sound sleep, walked calmly into requests, dropped off to sleep about was naturally inconvenienced for a Rockview penitentiary's death cham- 7 o'clock Sunday night, the death week when a thier stole his car ber early Monday morning where house "watch" reported. More than the state exacted by electrocution five hours later, guards who came church, and later abandoned it near its first life for Philadelphia's bi- to prepare him for the chair were zarre murder-for-insurance ring, forced to shake him to arouse the which officials said counted upwards sleeping man. of 100 victims.

The stout little 40-year-old Ital- minutes after seating himself at ian tailor maintained his innocence 12:31 a. m. gasoline tank was fuller than when to the end, patiently telling the ac- Gov. Arthur H. James denied a companying guards on the last reprieve to the once-dapper South march that he had been the "un- Philadelphia tailor, who wrote to witting tool of a man well-versed in James that "I was unwittingly the

a motorist, he thought, for direct for the poison slaying of Lugi La-

Tavern Held Up At Gun Point

Unidentified Man Robs Blair but was granted a new trial this County Resort of \$60 in Cash

Getting up from his table in scribed his address simply as 'grand- George Ioup's tavern, 818 Twentymother's farm.' It took quite a while four h street. Altoona, about 11 to find out just who 'grandmother' o'clock last Thursday night, an unidentified man whipped out of his pocket a .45 automatic pistol, and holding the proprietor and numer-If you run across someone lugging ous patrons at bay, fled with \$60

Ioup told Altoona police the ban-RECOLLECTIONS OF CENTRE COUNTY BARRENS ment of Albuquerque, N. M. A dit had drunk about a half glass of prankster, or someone with a specu- beer when he arose, pulled out the

Ioup described the gunman as being an Italian, about five feet seven inches in height and wearing a dark overcoat and gray slouch hat

For Slugging Man

Lewistown Motorist Hit Over Head by Assailant When Car Stalls

received many requests to write memories of this nature my history places producing iron ore, supply- nished ore for a large open hearth more on the subject. This interest might do hem an injustice. When ing the Baid Eagle furnace. In one furnace at Saxton as late as 1905.

In particular, the fact that I was a young doctor I often tended house I found 14 old leases and con-A husky 40-year old hitch hiker is no doubt due to the fact that I was a young doctor I often tended was being sought Monday for slug- when a new process for making iron one of the old ironmasters. It was tracts, all dealing with ore lands at Hare Powell, it was closed down structions and 20 additions to pres- of Lambton. Came into use more than one work- in this way that I learned much of Pennington and all dated prior to Rye Bank had almost pure man ent buildings brought the total of road leading to Martin and the power that they had over people. road leading to McAlevy's Fort, and found new work in different where the wayfarer demanded to be fields and are now scattered in all various towns in the Barrens bu taken at gunpoint parts of the country. They have because of their great number only

Vaughn, who had picked up his the same feeling about this quaint the most important will be listed. nknown assailant in Lewistown homeland that I have. obeyed the command, but the car "For the past four years I have the Juniata river was Shoenberger. Included in the defense contract stalled in a snowdrift. While jacking been asked to write a book on the This place was on the main line of awards made last week by the army up the auto to put on chains the history of the old ironmasters in the PRR and was a depot for loadhitch hiker, whom Vaughn describ- Pennsylvania, something that ing ore. It was named after Dr. ed as being six feet tall and weigh- should be done. ing 180 pounds, grabbed the jack handle with which he struck him lived in central Pennsylvania, many and was probably one of the largest peak called Climbing Rock mounover the head and then fled into of them in the Barrens.' At that iron producers in the country. Bir- tain. This was the abode of Chief the woods. Vaughn was not seriously hurt, police said.

Girl Born to Howard Pair. A daughter was born to Mr. and ments in 1939, with sales totaling Mrs. Howard Hoy of Howard at the \$2.693.000 and 161 employes earning Lock Haven Hospital Saturday

State May Ask Authority To **Fix Rent Rates For Dwellings**

la e rents may be recommended Washington appointed a committee soon to Gov, Arthur H. James and to study rent control." Doyle said. the State Defense Council in an effort to alleviate the stringent housing shortage in Pennsylvania which threatens to hamper the de-

Charles V. Doyle, director of the State Board of Housing, revealed Doyle explained that under the

Encatment of legislation to regu- The defense commission

"I do not know exactly what the recommendations will be," he said, "but I have heard from certain sources that it will concern legislation on rent control."

last week that the federal defense present system, the state has no aucommission through its department thority to regulate or administer of state and local cooperation, has rents. Should Pennsylvania decide completed a nationwide survey on to follow the recommendations of rent control and will submit its the federal agency, legislation would report with recommendations to have to be passed to provide the Pennsylvania and other states with- state with authority to regulate and fix rents for private dwellings.

Man's Will Provided \$1,000 To Buy Liquor For Friends At His Funeral

long string of Bucks county tem- Scott's parents. perance advocates, set aside \$1,000 No sorrow dampened the party, to purchase liquor for his palibear- guests said, and the men and wo-

The party began after the burial Scott also set aside \$500 in his It was held in an inn owned by only girl I ever courted," \$1,500.

The will of J. Norman Scott, of Scott's family. It was a temper-Doylestown, 54-year-old scion of a ance inn until after the death of

Scott, who died Sunday, March 23, 1941, was buried last Thursday. Ilquor.

and approximately 100 guests at- will for providing flowers for his tended. Those who attended said grave each Memorial day. A bachthe party broke out "early Friday." elor, he left a married woman, "the

Young Mother Carries Baby To Safety Over Roofs To Flee Fire

Mrs. Dorothy Slagle, 20, whose down two feet to another roof and usband was at work, was awakened hammered on a window until ad- Vickstron, 65-year-old itinerant last Saturday morning by a dense mitted to the house. She carried her found unconscious along a highway smoke in her home at Brushtown, baby to the street.

Allegheny county. She wrapped her Fifteen other persons were driven sciousness in a hospital only long infant daughter, Judith, in a blan-from their homes by the fire which enough to give meager details to po-ket and laid her on the ledge of the caused an estimated \$9,000 damage lice who said he told them he had adjoining house, three feet from a and brought out nine fire companing family or relatives. Death was bedroom window. Then she climbed ies.

Tunnel 15 Feet

In Laying Sewer

Work Done on Lock Haven Harry M. McCoy Discovered Two Men Arrested in Cali- Special Envoy Warns U. S. SIX CLINTON COUNTY Street Enables Uninterrupted Traffic

The installation of a storm sewer on Vesper Street, Lock Haven, 15 Philipsburg, was found dead by brutal slaying of Richard L. Agfeet under ground, without excava- neighbors last Thursday afternoon new, former Tyrone man, near San ting disturbing the traffic on Main in his one-room shanty at Coburn. Antonio, Texas, March 15, according Street has been accomplished by a in the Altoona area. He lived alone to information received in Tyrone crew of men working under the di- and is said to have been a pension- this week. rection of Leroy Shady and John er. Beaty, foremen, with Orric Reading. Following an investigation by Alford, addresses unknown, were ar-Rouchtown, directing jacking Blair County Coroner Chester Roth- rested, according to information at operation. The corrugated steel rock the death of the aged man was San Andres, California, last Thurspipe was driven by a large railroad attributed to natural causes. jack a fraction of an inch at a time.

The tunnel work was done in two hour shifts, and the enerance to Thomas and Jennie Mackey McCoy. undergrownd operations was Members of the family include one a search through a narrow hole between sister, Mrs. Annie Bell Foust, of Al- southwest. Texas officers questiontimbers, with the tunnel wide toons, and one half-brother, Charles ed a score of suspects since Agnew's enough to permit two men to pass Glenn, of Altoona. crouching position. Electric lighting aided in underground excavacing and lighted operations of driving the 36-inch pipe the 70 feet to cross Main Street from a point on Vesper; 30-inch pipe will extend from the south side of Main Street to Church Street; 24-inch pipe from Church to Bald Eagle Streets and last weekend. He spoke at a speci-18-inch pipe from Bald Eagle to al homemaking education meeting

Grove Streets. The entire sewer pipe being installed will drain approximately 50 acres of land, City Engineer Warren Ohl said. An automatic high water valve has been placed in the sewer at the intersection of Water and Vesper Streets which will close automatically in time of flood or backwater. The valve will work in reverse in case a heavy storm floods the streets, and will open to permit draining of surface water until it equals the level of the river.

Search For Relatives

State motor police searched Saturday for relatives of Watersford attributed to a heart condition,

The Week Before Easter



THREE APRIL CONFERENCES

gladden men's hearts, a new take too much research even to as 1905. At one time it was a met- village of Progtown. It is at the

story on the picturesque romantic make the attempt. I do remember, rogotis and did more business than entrance of a small valley known as

Body of County Confess Slaying

He was born in Philipsburg, Feb. W. Kilday, of San Antonio, Texas,

the principal speakers at the an- that the first clues were secured by

nual educational conference of Texas officers. Some of the articles

15, 1873, and was a son of William have admitted their guilt.

Paul's cousin, Herman Petrillo, and Mrs. Josephine Romuado, are also scheduled at the Pennsylvania State needs. the fourth annual history teachers debate tournament of the National vanetti, also was condemned to die conference on April 19. The gener- Forensic League. al opic for this session will be 'The Eight other women and 10 other Western Hemisphere in World A!-

men were convicted in the bizarre fairs." four years ago when U.S. Secret terfeit bills, got the first inkling of journalism, and the other is a killed. life imprisonment. Others received special conference of school adminprison terms. Three women were istrators to consider the physical All men, including statisticians, education programs of our schools are interested in figures.

"I will give a brief history of the

"Starting on the north bank of

Peter Shoenberger who was one o.

Native Found

Dead in Bed in Blair

Harry M. McCoy. 68, native of

Educator Speaks.

Dr. Charles C. Peters, director of

educational research at the Penn-

sylvania State College, was one of

Mansfield State Teachers College

on Saturday morning and at a gen-

eral meeting in the afternoon.

County

"When I was a boy most of them the noted ironmasters of the state.

Three important conferences are in the light of national defense

Killed in Accident

Gilbert Wood, 58. of near Mans-The two other conferences will be field, was fatally injured when a held a week later, on April 26. One truck he was driving sideswiped anthe annual state-wide High other truck operated by Harry Ma-School Press Conference, sponsor- kowski, Scranton, transporting a

tion, that I was saught to fear the was the distributing point for all miles long. Most of it is in a high

when their names were mentioned, coach lines cen ered in Birming- richest deposits of manganese at

house I found 14 old leases and con- After

village, situated in the center of the

mance could be written about it.

fornia Reported to Have

Admitted Crime

John A. Rupert and James B.

day and according to Sheriff Owen

Their capture in California ended

body was found along an irrigation

ditch near San Antonio and his fire-

damaged car located near Browns-

ville, nearly 300 miles from the scene

It was through fingerprints on

some of the murdered man's effects

had ben sold in pawnshops and re-

throughout the entire

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1800. Warrior's Mark, a very old ganese ore, the vein being 40 feet

Barrens, the home of Bald Eagle's shaft from a depth of 125 feet and

tribe of Indians; once a year held sent to the furnace without wash-

a shocting conclave at this place, ing. A Negro mine boss and 300

hence the name. It was attended colored miners with a sprinkling of

by Indians from far and near and white miners worked at this place.

some times lasted as long as a This was the last place worked as

month. Many stories of real ro- I entered college that year never to

on the Bald Eagle ridge is a high deposits unmined.

"Two miles from Warrior's Mark ed down about 1905 leaving large

Of Tyrone Man Face Nazi Attack

Osceola Mills Youth Is Chosen For Appointment To U. S. Naval Academy

George S. West, Jr., Wins First Place In Competitive Examination; Morrisdale Boy Selected First Alternate

The result of the preliminary Civil gress in the current Naval Appro-

College and DuBois and, according Service examination is bound ticicants, the following designations an appointment to either the Navai have been announced:

Principal, George S. West Jr., Oscco a Mills: first alternate, Clark O. Bloom, Morrisdale; second alternative, Harry G. Shoemaker, Tyrone third alternate, Bruce O. McCracken, Kerrmoor,

According to the regulations of the United States Naval Academy, Last weekend the Penn State the principal and alternates are re-College during April, beginning with compus was the scene of the district, quired to present themselves at Annapolis on May 7, 1941, for the substantiating examina ion. Should the principal fail to meet the Nava! Academy requirements, the alternates are considered in the order of their designation until an acceptable candidate is found qualified.

The preliminary Civil Service examina ion is conducted to determine ed by Penn State's department of load of calves, seven of which were the relative standing of the many candidates and to assist members o Congress in making their designations based on the result of such an

hick. The ore was hotstered up a

re urn to the ore mine. It was clos-

"Some time prior to its closing

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Donovan Says We

Against Underrating Hit-

ler Menace

Americans, in the opinion of Col.

what we are going to do" about de-

livering supplies to Great Britain.

a nationally broadcast address.

European and African war zones.

He asked his listeners if the

were prepared to take the chance

which would accompany delivery of

The United States, he asserted

has no choice as to whether it will

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"That choice is Hitler's" he said.

goods to Britain,

be attacked.

Congressman Van Zandt announ-Service examination for the special ces that those candidates who failed appointment to he United States to place high enough to merit de-Naval Academy authorized by Con- signation for this special appointment will have an opportunity this priations Act, has been announced fall to enter a similar examination by Congressman James E. Van for the U. S. Military Academy of to take the Naval Academy examin-The examination was conducted ation scheduled for the Fall of 1942. on February 21 at Altoona, State The experience of the recent Civil to the rela ive standing of the par- prove helpful to those aspiring for

Altoona Slayer Is Sentenced to Pen

or Military Academy.

Gets Six to 12 Years' Confinement For Fatally Shooting Woman

The penalty 27-year-old Eugene W. Miller, Altoona, must pay for the leath of youthful Mrs. Betty May Yeager, Altoona, is six to 12 years the Western penitentiary, Judge eorge C. Patterson decreed at Holidaysburg last week.

laced against him Miller must also

nanslaughter was accepted by the Blair county district attorney.

In pleading for Miller the defence stated Miller had never traveled more than 25 miles from his place time it would have been an easy mingham, while not directly in the Climbing Rock, the best friend the of birth and lacked worldly expermatter but at this late date the kind ore fields, shipped large quantities ploneer settlers of Warriors' Mark ience. Defense attorneys said farm-With springtime officially here of history I would want to write is of limestone used in making iron to Valley ever had. Three miles west and sending rays of warm sunshine to a large extent lost. It would now Johns own and Pittsburgh as late of Warriors' Mark is situated the ers, who had employed Miller, had described him as a "good obedient boy." Miller was also described as BALLYHOO: n orphan.

Centre County Barrens from the however, from my earliest recollec- any other town in Pennsylvania. It Vinegar valley, which is about ten Mill Hall Man ironmasters and that I had chills parts of the state. All the stage state of cultivation and contains the He says: "Since my last story on I would travel miles out of my way ham, Pennington, not far from Bir- iron ore in Pennsylvania. The Dry the Centre County Barrens, I have rather than pass their homes. With mingham, was one of the oldest Hollow ore mile and Bye Bank fur-

Worker at Lock Haven Paper Zandts. Mill Comes Into Contact With Machine

Porest Cross of Mill Hall suffered friction burns and contusions of the entire right arm and a severe bump on his mouth, in an accident Wednesday afternoon of last week at he plant of the New York and Pennsylvania Company, in Lock

Mr. Cross was injured when his face and arm came in contact with a revolving reel on one of the mtll machines. It was thought at first that he had also fractured the arm Axis banner, comes out in Tuesday's but X-ray photographs made at the Lock Haven Hospital failed to dislose any break.

Although weakened by the injuries, his condition is considered satisfactory.

DRAFTEES ARE TAKEN

county's Draft Board No. 1, have been accepted for service and two The men accepted William J. Donovan, must recognize exonerated. were: Harold M. Ward, who had he played an unwitting part in the danger of attack from Nazi previously been turned down after Philadelphia's murder-for-insurance Germany, and "make u) our mind; trying to enlist in the regular army; John C. Sawyer, Claude E. Segraves, Herbert F. King, Carl N. Johnson went to his doom. He mumbled "It is going to mean nothing in and Robert L. Seese, all of Lock a prayer. winning the war unless the goods produce and ship reach their Haven. destination," he said last week in

from a group including James L. E. Donovan, an at'orney who fought Sheasley, Loganton R. D. 1; George with the "Fighting 69th" in the F. Tibbens, Loganton, and Albert F. World War, recently returned from Smith and Harry A. Smith, Lock an observation tour through the Haven.

Payment Awarded to Widow ident's approval, Mary Madeline mercial credit company. Zwalinski, the mother, would re-The two men arrested in Cali- now believed enroute back to Texas ceive \$3.024, and the legal guardian Debates would improve if speak-fornia admitted their crime and are in custody of Bexar county police of Hene Mary Zwalinski, a minor, ers frankly advanced their real arwould receive \$2,500.

Random Items

Couple of weeks ago Reader's Digest circularized subscribers with announcement that they could obtain a new volume, containing a number of Digest novel reviews, for \$1 plus postage, by "signing and returning the enclosed card." Bubscribers in Bellefonte paid \$1.21 for copies sent through the mail. Hunter's Book Store is selling the volume

COAL TRUCKS:

A heavily loaded coal truck stopped on East Linn street last Thursday afternoon. Soon an empty truck backed up to it and part of the load was shoveled into the empty truck. Reported reason: Officials were checking truck loads at a Bellefonte scale. The truck on East Linn street, rated at about 41/2 tons capacity, had about 51/2 tons aboard.

FLY IT YOURSELF:

We didn't know that most amateur pilots rent the planes they fly. Wolfgang Langewischer, writer on aviation subjects, who visited Bellefonte over the weekend, is authority for the statement that most flying enthusiasts rent planes by the trip. The rental fee is somewhere around \$3 an hour, for flying time only. He came here in a rented Aeronca twoseater cabin plane. Rental was \$8 an hour because it was equipped with three-way radio facilities and other instruments.

BANANAS:

Have you ever noticed that bananas these days practically never have that good old banana taste like they used to have? This department, always concerned about such matters, set out the other day to find out why a nice yellow banana with a few black flecks on the skin, is not the mellow, fine flavored fruit Along with having a fine of \$1000 you have a right to expect it to be The answer lies in the fact that ve \$1000 security for good behav- bananas, like practically everything else, is now a mass-production trust Miller was found guilty of fatally In years gone by green bananas arhooting Mrs. Yeager in a room of living from the south were stored in her parent's rooming house last special cellars to ripen slowly and 'all. A plea of guilty to voluntary naturally before they were placed on sale. Today green bananas are slapped into a room at night, and the next morning they are yellow and ready for sale. The skins are a golden yellow, but inside is nothing but a green banana. The color of the is changed by a gas which is rated in the so-called "curing" ii, it is reported.

For all of Congressman James E. VanZandt's speeches and activities on behalf of the proposed new vetsuspicion that Schater Joseph F Has Arm Hurt Guffey will have a lot more to do with saying where the hospital will go than a whole carload of Van-

ORIENTAL:

Japanese Foreign Minister Yosuke Matsuoka looks to this department like a second Confucious. When he left Japan for a visit to Berlin and Rome, it was given out that the trip was of tremendous significance to the enemies of the Axis. But things haven't been going well since that time. Matsuoka, instead of witnessing the invincible might of Hitler and Mussolini, has been present in those countries when some most embarrassing reverses occurred on the field of battle, And Matsuoka, stead of defying the world under the papers with a suggestion that leaders of all nations should hold a gettogether for peace. The Japanese minister, it seems, sees the handwriting on the wall.

ELECTROCUTION:

Newspaper reporters who attended the execution of Paul Petrillo at Rockviews death house early Monday morning, were puzzled over this bulletin published in several newspapers; "Paul Petrillo, 49-year-old tailor, died in the electric chair today, calm but protesting to the last syndicate." Petrillo, the reporters aver, didn't say anything when he

Deep Gloom Prevails

Dust on Northumberland county's \$105,000 worth of voting machines and gloom among the county commissioners grows deeper day by day. The machines, used in but two elections after their purchase in 1931 were offered for sale Thursday, but The Senate passed and sent to the "nary" a bidder hove into view. The President Friday a bill authorizing county tried to return the 74 mapayment of \$5.524 to the widow and chines the year they were purdaughter of John Zwalinski, of Sha- chased. but while commissioners mokin, who was killed by a rock awaited action the manufacturers blown from a blasting operation on went out of business and recently a a WPA project last March 23. Under Pederal District Court ordered the x x x our only choice is to choose the bill, which needs only the Pres- county to make payment to a com-

> Debates would improve if speakguments against a proposal.

> > By POP MOMAND

'KEEPING UP WITH THE JONESES' - Easy Pickings, Boys!!!

covered by police officers.

of the murder.





