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SERMON ON HIGH Rev. Dr. Bernard Clausen, pastor of the First Baptist church, Pittsburgh, on Sunday conducted the first Easter service through the history from an airplane.

TOO NEAR TO SEE After a life long hunt for her family, 21-year-old Mary Jonszak found her mother and other relatives less than three miles from her orphanage at Erie in which she had been brought up.

HIDEOUT Federal agents testified William Lakavage, 30, of Scranton, was dealing in the doghouse when they called. They added they found four gallons of untaxed alcohol in the doghouse with him.

OLD TIMERS The Hoats brothers, George and John, of Wilkes-Barre, have worked a total of 122 years for the Hazard Rope company and the Chamber of Commerce thinks it's something of a national record.

REMEMBRANCE Each of the six men who acted as pallbearers at the funeral of John R. Harding, of Scottsville, Va., at his request, received a note.

UNUSUAL BAPTISM An unusual baptism ceremony was performed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob L. Kline, Shamokin, when members of three generations of the family were baptized by the Rev. G. H. Seidel.

LOCKS UP KEYS The next time Bob Ressler, of Lancaster, demonstrates how he can lock his car without using the keys he's going to have the latter in his pocket.

HORSE BITES—MULES! Attempting to stop a runaway horse in Boston a man was bitten on the leg by a horse. The man's name—Henry Mules.

Loses Finger in Mishap. William E. Shultz, of Madisonburg, underwent treatment at the Centre County Hospital last Thursday for injuries received while working with a tractor.

Spider Woman Collects Fine Web Threads for Precision Instruments

Miss Mary Pfeiffer, the 66-year-old "spider woman," of Hoboken, N. J., who has been collecting spider webs for 51 years for use in the making of precision instruments, has again issued her annual call to the youngsters to gather her a new 'crop' of spiders.

Goes Joy-Riding In Ambulance

George P. Pincin, driver of the Mercy Hospital Altoona ambulance, decided Saturday night to take two companions for a "joy ride" and chose of all things—the ambulance, for the trip.

Had Good Reason For Speeding

When State Motor Patrolman Stephen Calan stopped Robert Brunner, 21, of Bellefonte, for driving without lights near Altoona, Brunner explained:

Falling Weights Cause 'Bomb' Scare

When 15 clock weights of 100 pounds each dropped from a cable in the court house at Sunbury last Saturday, and fell to the floor over the rear of the large court room, employees were terrified by the crash.

Farmer Kills His Wife Because She Refused to Buy Herself Coughdrops

Northumberland County Man Brooded Over Wife's Persistent Cough and Her Unwillingness to Spend \$1.48 for Remedy

At first John Hogenobler, poverty-stricken, 50-year-old Northumberland farmer, didn't think of killing his wife because she coughed. He did want to spend the \$1.48 they had saved, for coughdrops. But she said "No."

College Faculty Member Is Killed

Miss Ethel I. Moody Dies After Motor Accident Near Canandaigua, N. Y.

When her attention was believed to have been attracted by a flock of sheep grazing near the roadside, Miss Ethel I. Moody, an instructor in mathematics at Penn State, was killed in Rushville, near Canandaigua, N. Y., at 5 p. m. Friday as she jumped from her car when it plunged over a 25-foot embankment.

Girl Trapped As Fire Threatens

Mary D. Berry Rescued From Porch Roof of Lock Haven Home

Miss Mary D. Berry, 18, was rescued from the front porch roof at her home in Lock Haven, last Wednesday evening when fire threatened the house, owned by her father, Glenn E. Berry, on Park Street.

Seek to Improve Rural Mail Boxes

The first part of the "Merry Month of May" will bring headaches to many of Bellefonte's 1,000 rural mail patrons, the carriers who serve them, and even the Bellefonte postmaster.

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Called



PROFESSOR MAIRS RETIRES

A member of the School of Agriculture (faculty at the Pennsylvania State College since 1901, Professor Thomas I. Mairs, director of correspondence course in agriculture, retired on April 1.

AN EDITORIAL ON 'JUST A DOG'

The following is reprinted from the February, 1941, issue of Field & Stream, a leading sportsman's magazine. It is a written communication to that magazine from Mr. Corey Ford of Freedom, New Hampshire, and it will no doubt find a ready accordance in the minds of every true sportsman.

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Fire Sweeps Five-Story Building At Altoona As Result of Oil Explosion

Six Firemen Hurt, \$45,000 Loss As Flames Damage Commerce Building In Downtown Business Section of City

A fire, set off by the explosion of an oil stove, swept the five-story Commerce Building in the downtown business section of Altoona, last Thursday, causing an estimate loss of \$45,000.

Merchant Held In Fur Robbery

Prominent Curwensville Clothing Store Proprietor Held Under Bail

The arrest of a prominent Curwensville clothing merchant in connection with the detention of three men and two women in the theft of \$7,500 worth of furs from the Clearfield Taxidermy Company last March 31 was disclosed last week by Clearfield county District Attorney Carl Belin.

Aged Woman Fatally Burned

Mrs. Margaret Leman, 70, sister of Edward H. Drye, of Altoona, died at a McKeesport hospital after she was severely burned in a fire that swept through the apartment building in which she lived. It was learned that she and a niece had been using gasoline as an insecticide when it became ignited from a short circuit in a lamp cord and burst into flames, forcing the elderly woman helplessly into a corner of the room.

Soldier's Request Answered By Wife

Somewhere in England Sapper Archie Campbell, of Montreal, asked his quartermaster for a new pair of socks—a large pair. The socks were supplied from a shipment sent out by the women's auxiliary of the Royal Canadian engineers. As Campbell put on the socks, he found a piece of paper in one with the words "made by Mrs. A. M. Campbell, 462 Ash avenue, Point St. Charles." The socks were knit by his wife.

Rev. Lambert's Trial May 19

Charged with failure to register for the Selective Service, the Rev. Allen Clay Lambert, pastor of the Sinking Valley Lutheran church in Blair county, will go on trial in Federal Court at Pittsburgh on May 19. The Rev. Mr. Lambert was indicted by a Federal Grand Jury after he refused to comply with the Selective Service Act, although his profession would have resulted automatically in his deferment.

Machinery Arrives

The first shipment of Fox-Knapp machinery from the plant in Virginia, which the company has closed, was unloaded last week at the former Bob Company building, which the Fox-Knapp Company will use for its new plant at Milton.

Berwick Plant Speeded Up

The production of tanks at the American Car and Foundry Company plant at Berwick will be stepped up from four daily to six each day. The order on which the company is working is for 3,000 tanks.

'KEEPING UP WITH THE JONESES' — A Big Offer!???



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