

INSULTS FLAG

Emil Panzer, 45, of Babylon, L. I., was found guilty of disorderly conduct after he spat on an American flag in a barroom.

BRIGHT POOCH

A crowd gathered around a park-car at Newark, N. J., in which a bull terrier was impatiently barking at the horn.

NONAGERIAN'S STUNT

William Womack of Bloomsburg, 86, cut down an apple tree on the farm of his son, George Womer, near Newlin.

UNUSUAL EGGS

A New Hampshire Red Hen, owned by Mrs. Fred Grove of Millmont, R. D. 1, recently laid an egg containing three full-sized yolks.

RAN OUT OF NAMES

Fetulia, a cat belonging to Dr. Robert G. Wood, of Wichita University, is the mother of 72 kittens born in a seven-year period.

MADE A STUDY

Admitting that he had set eleven New York, N. Y., apartment and private houses on fire since October, a 14-year-old boy had to be a fireman—his life-ambition.

LESS SPENDING

Under new tax schedules, none of Britain's multi-millionaires will be able to spend more than an income of \$28,000 annually.

Car is Damaged

Fred S. Vance, of Tylersville, escaped injury on Saturday evening about 9:30 o'clock when his coupe failed to make a right turn on a rural road near Swengel.

Woodland Nurse Called to Duty

Miss Thelma Myrtle Muir, of Woodland, a nurse, has been called to duty as an army nurse.

CENTRE COUNTY CAN CLAIM IMPORTANT CHICKEN INDUSTRY

Very frequently little is known of the many and varied details connected with the operations of industries within our community.

This sketch, built around one of Centre County's industries, is of unusual interest because their type of product is unquestionably used in one form or another, in every home in Centre County.

We refer to that very choice article of human food, full of the essential vitamins and minerals, the chicken egg which is frequently termed: sealed sunlight.

Over in Penna Valley, located along the edge of the little town of Centre Hall is located what, may rightfully be termed an "Egg and Chicken Factory."

For several years following the many hundreds of chicks were

Forest Fire Burns Ten Miles Over Mountains; Hundreds Fight Blaze

Conflagration That Started Near Houtzdale, Burned to Tyrone Watershed; Flames Leap 15 to 20 Feet High

An army of weary men returned home Monday noon from the Janesville mountain region of the Allegheny mountains after being on duty 24 hours fighting one of the largest forest fires in that section for many years.

The fire, starting near Houtzdale, spread rapidly over the mountain towards the Tyrone reservoir watershed, covering about ten miles and about two miles wide.

Nearly 500 men from Houtzdale, Ramey, Janesville, Tyrone and CCC men from Petersburg and CCC men from Tyrone were engaged in fighting the fire, which at some places burned to the edge of the highway between Tyrone and Janesville.

Swept along by a swift breeze Sunday afternoon, the fire spread rapidly through the forests and underbrush from Wilson Run, near Mountain, up over the Janesville mountain, where it jumped the 22-foot Janesville pike and swept down the Tyrone watershed towards Tyrone.

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The Oldtimer

MOVING AGAIN, BUDD? SHUCKS, FOLKS DON'T STAY PUT LIKE THEY USED TO. I WAS BORN IN THE HOUSE I'M LIVING IN, EIGHTY-SEVEN YEARS AGO MY GRANDFATHER MOVED HIS FAMILY FROM THE EAST IN A COVERED WAGON, THAT WAS OVER A HUNDRED AND FORTY YEARS AGO.



MINISTER AND WIFE HONORED

The Rev. and Mrs. H. A. McKelvey, of Cotesfield, Nebraska, former well-known residents of Bellefonte, recently were guests of honor at a surprise party held by the congregation of the United Brethren church at Cotesfield.

After the morning worship the congregation adjourned to the social rooms in the basement, where a roast turkey dinner prepared by the ladies of the church was served.

More than one hundred persons were present for the occasion.

The Rev. and Mrs. McKelvey went to Cotesfield two years ago and have won themselves a prominent place in the life of the community.

They have aided materially in easing the burden of the area which has suffered seven years of drought.

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State's Payroll Up Six Million Dollars Under Gov. James, Survey Shows

Executive's Own Legislative Lieutenants Refute Governor's Boast of Reduction in Payroll Expenditures

Governor James' boast that he reduced State payroll expenditures during his first two years in office was deflated on Saturday by his own legislative lieutenants.

The Republican-controlled Joint State Government Commission disclosed State payrolls were increased \$6,195,530 in 1939 and \$5,464,841 in 1940 over—1938 the last year of the Earle Administration.

The commission submitted to the Legislature a bulky 325-page report outlining results of a two-year study of State finances.

Although control of the commission passed into the hands of the Democrats in February, the report was submitted as the findings of the former Republican majority.

Reflected in Budgets. The commission reported that salaries paid to all regular, full-time employees totaled \$43,843,902 last year and \$44,575,580 in 1939 as compared with \$38,379,059 in 1938.

The 1939 total—James' first year—represented an all-time high in State salaries.

The increases apparently are reflected in the Governor's new budget for 1941-43, now pending in the Legislature. It calls for the record-breaking total of \$42,000,000.

James 1939-41 budget was \$507,000,000, higher than ever before in this State.

Boast Recalled. Democrats in control of the House are certain to demand justification of the increases in view of James' boast in a speech last January 17 reviewing the accomplishments of his Administration at the half-way point. He said then:

"We swam upstream in the matter of public employes. In an era of bigger Government, we dropped one out of every six employes we found on the payrolls of the departments directly under my control—dropped 2000 of them and abolished their jobs and have operated successfully without them and propose to continue to do so."

Carefully Worded. The commission's report was (Continued on Page 6)

Calvin Weaver, Formerly of Houtzdale, is Seriously Injured

A 58-year-old transient was seriously injured Friday night when he fell from an eastbound freight and rolled under the wheels near Carlisle.

He is Calvin Weaver, formerly of near Houtzdale. Physicians at the Carlisle Hospital where Weaver is a patient, amputated his left arm at the shoulder.

Thomas Kuhn, of Carlisle R. D. 6, said he was walking along the Rittenberg highway west of Carlisle about 7 p. m. when he saw Weaver tumble from a freight train on the Pennsylvania Railroad tracks which parallel the highway.

Weaver, who has been seen around Cumberland county for the last several months, has a brother, Penrose Weaver, living in Harrisburg.

STATE COLLEGE MAN IN BLAIR COUNTY COURT

Before Judge Patterson in Blair County Court Friday John Krumrine, 32, of State College, pleaded guilty to forgery and issuing a fraudulent check but his case was held over, pending word from federal authorities.

Krumrine admitted he stole a United States government check in the amount of \$80.41 and forged a name to it, then cashed the check at an Altoona hotel. He also admitted giving a bogus check in the amount of \$41 to another hotel manager.

DRIFTING WOMAN IS HONORED ON BIRTHDAY

Mrs. J. Elmer Campbell, of Driftwood, celebrated her 87th birthday at the home of her granddaughter, Mrs. John Franke, at Kylertown, last week.

Mrs. Campbell received many gifts and messages of congratulation from friends in Centre county where she resided for many years.

Plants 85,000 Trees

A conservation project requiring the planting of 85,000 trees—Japanese larch, red pine and Norway spruce—was started in the lower end of Cambria County last week by the technical force of the Department of Agriculture Forestry Service, attached to CCC camp at Sinnamahoning.

The planting is being done by enrollees of the camp.

Admiral Stark to Speak

Admiral Harold R. Stark, chief of United States Naval operations, has accepted an invitation to address Bucknell University's 91st annual commencement on Monday, June 9. The admiral will have as his theme "Graduating from College Into a World at War."

Bitten by Chew

Mary Pegg, 14-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Pegg, of Danville, suffered chest injuries when bitten by a chow dog near her home. The wound was treated. The dog is said to have bitten 17 persons within recent months.

THE OLD MISERS' GOLD

and a certain furtive eagerness that became intensified when the younger of the pair drew from inside his shirt a little bundle of greasy dollar bills.

"Only fifty," he said gloomily. "It were in the old stove hole in the kitchen. I copped it yet when I took in the wood. Gott, how they watch and watch! Some time I feel for I'd like to choke 'em and have done with it to once."

"Your too impatient," he said. "We gotta wait, Kraus he got nigh three hundred. They got together in there—ja, thousands—if we could get 'em."

"If—if—" stormed the other. "But it ain't to be done. They watch like a dumb hawk. They ain't never gonna give a man a chance. We'd oughta have some one in the house at nights."

"Ain't they said no more about the hired help?"

"Ach, no, not since Nevvy John he went to Philadelphia. But mind you this, even if he did get round of 'em the way he still (usually) does, how do we know that he ain't to go by and bring in some

foreigner from Bellefonte, or maybe from Philadelphia?"

"Ja, ja, s'op your frettin'. Ain't he a nevy of the Haas boys? Ain't he got to have some of their savin' ways, heh? It ain't likely he'd feel for payin' to bring a hired girl from the city yet. Besides, it's fixed, and Mom Getz is goin' to see him to set her work. Mebbe he'll send her. Mind, if he does, you don't say nuhn. Now 'em on."

"I wish you had my job," groaned the other in farewell. "Workin' like a dum'd dog and eat a scrap-pin, and not even a swaller of whiskey."

In the meantime, as this conference in the fence corner was taking place, the waning light of two candles was traveling through the halls of the chilly farm house.

One belonged to Aaron, the younger of the two "Haas boys," then well on his sixties, while the second candle that flared up a moment or so later was that of Abraham, the elder. So near of an age were the two that they were often mistaken for twins, and they had a twin impulse in their distrust of

Proposed consolidation of the Evangelical and United Brethren denominations, with a total membership of more than 650,000, was approved unofficially last week by the East Pennsylvania conference of the Evangelical church in its 102nd annual meeting in Sunbury.

Begun a decade ago, the movement toward consolidation is expected to culminate within four years. The Evangelical general conference is slated to take action in 1942.

"This merger is not to be thought of in terms of bigness but rather in spirit," commented the Rev. Dr. G. W. Hallman, pastor of the First United Brethren church, Sunbury. The merger also appeared to have been endorsed by Bishop John S. Stamm of Harrisburg.

Delegates were urged by the Rev. Dr. W. L. Mudge, executive secretary of the Pennsylvania Council of Churches, to help bring about the defeat of bills in the legislature which propose to liberalize the Sabbath.

Church officiated, assisted by the Rev. Ezra L. Parks, pastor of the Mill Hall Methodist church.

Dr. Allen Baker Painter, 67, for 42 years a practicing physician in Mill Hall and vicinity, died at midnight Wednesday, at the Lock Haven Hospital, following an illness which began March 22. He was a graduate of the Medical College at Philadelphia, which is now the medical school of the University of Pennsylvania.

He was a member of the staff of the Lock Haven Hospital; of the State and County Medical Association having been an officer of the latter. He was a trustee of the Mill Hall Methodist church and a member of the board of stewards of the Trinity Methodist Church, Lock Haven; member of the three Masonic bodies of Lock Haven and of the Williamsport, Conowingo, and of the K. of P. Lodge and the Knights of the Golden Eagle, of Mill Hall.

He is survived by two sons, one of whom, Arlington, is a resident of Lock Haven. Three brothers and two sisters also survive.

The funeral services were held at the McCloskey Funeral Home at Mill Hall at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon. The Rev. Cecil G. Weimer, pastor of the Trinity Methodist (Continued Bottom Next Column)

banks and their love of hoarding up money. Each had his own secret store, tucked in odd corners of the rambling old house. But was also a general fund, to which they added a dollar or so at a time, locked away in a shabby old cedar chest.

Their one terror was that as they grew older, "Nevvy John," who was next in kin, and spoke English, might insist upon banking of that precious fund.

The great farm with its hundreds of acres, and smaller farms, were owned by "the boys." The saw mill, the flour mill, and indeed, everything of value in that countryside, was owned by them, yet every year they grew more shabby, more stooped and more hollow-cheeked, and the farm house itself grew more and more weather-beaten and rattle-shake, and every year its loosened boards and the old chest hid more and more money.

"Is it you, Aaron? The voice was deep and powerful, and the words spoken in German.

"Yes, Abraham. I have some money for the chest. Will you

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Woman Hurt In Auto Accident

Was Passenger in Car Which Struck Stop Sign on Altoona Street

Mrs. Claude Bechtel, of Beech Creek, was hurt slightly in an automobile that struck another and upset it against a stop sign at Sixth street, Altoona, Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Bechtel, who was riding with Clarence Aaron of Altoona, was treated at the Altoona Hospital dispensary for bruise marks on the head.

Aaron's car, according to the police report, had moved through the stop sign while headed south on Eighth street, when another car, operated by Mrs. Anna Whitaker, of Coleman road, traveling east on Sixth avenue, crashed into it, causing it to overturn against another stop sign.

Aaron's car sustained damage estimated at \$425.

Assigned to Army in West

Kenneth E. Heckman, of Peoria, Ill., son of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Heckman, of Salona, and a first lieutenant in the Officers Reserve Corps, has been ordered to active service for a year with the U. S. Army Air Corps at Lowry Field, Colo., where several other local youths are in service.

Mr. Heckman, who visited his parents at Salona last week, will serve as an engineer in charge of construction. For five years he has been employed by the Caterpillar Tractor Company, at Peoria, in the plant engineering department.

Half Ton Rock Falls

State Highway Route 120 to Renovo was closed to traffic for several hours last week because of the fall of a 1,000-pound rock a short distance from Drury Run. The rock fell when it was dislodged by a blast of dynamite, used by workers, engaged in slide removal hazards along the route.

3 Trout Cost Man 89 Days

Edward Bower, of Colomsville, near Williamsport, was sentenced to the Lycoming county jail to serve 89 days in default of an \$80 fine for the possession of under-sized trout. A fish warden found him on a small stream near Colomsville with eight trout measuring from three to five inches in length.

Letter by Jesus Reported Found

A letter purported to be written to Jesus Christ by a sick Syrian ruler, offering Jesus a haven from His enemies in exchange for healing, and Jesus' own letter of reply, is reported to have been found.

A copy of this rare and interesting correspondence has come to light in Palestine among a mass of old papyrus writings found by the Colt Archeological Institute in New York. Given to Prof. Lionel Casson, of New York University, the letters as he has translated them, were read in Washington, Friday, before a scientific society.

While similar findings have been reported before, Professor Casson pronounced the new-found manuscript, however, a long version of Jesus' supposed letters and in some respect quite unparalleled.

Text of First Letter.

Written on a single sheet of papyrus, almost complete, the new record of the episode dates probably from the seventh century, A. D.

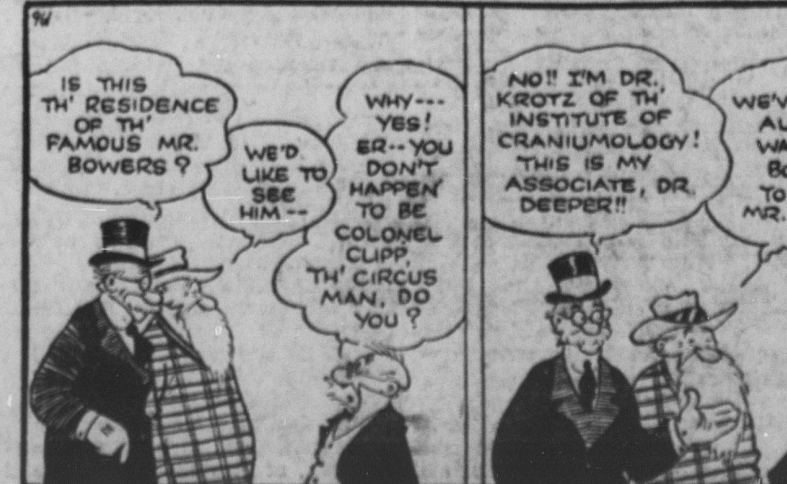
Professor Casson concludes. He translates the letters:

"Abgar, Toparch of the city of Edessa, to Jesus the Benevolent Saviour who has appeared in the city of Jerusalem, greetings:

"I have heard about you and about the cures which you effect without the use of medicines or herbs. For it is said that you cause the blind to see, the lame to walk, that you cleanse lepers and drive out unclean spirits and demons, and that you heal men tortured with chronic diseases and that you raise the dead. When I heard all these reports about you, I made up my mind that one of two things were possible: Either as God descended from heaven you are accomplishing these miracles, or as the Son of God. And because of this I am now writing to beg you to come to see me and cure me of my disease. For I have also heard that the Jews are muttering against you and want to do you evil. Mine is a

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'KEEPING UP WITH THE JONESES' — What's This???



By POP MOMAND

