

ANNOYS RAILROAD

The N. C. St. L. Railroad of Chattanooga, Tenn., recently petitioned the court to enjoin Sam Shipley, 22, from standing in front of fast trains until emergency brakes are applied.

STEALS SAVINGS

Convicted of jailing a farmer on charges that he kept firearms at his home, and then stealing the man's life savings of \$1,050, Constable William Hartland of Millin township, Allegheny Co., was sentenced to serve 1 1/2 to 3 years in the penitentiary.

SUPERSTITIOUS COOLIES

In order to delude the evil spirits which every Chinese coolie thinks is dogging him at every step, coolies of the Dutch East Indies often step in the path of a speeding car and then dodge to safety in the last split second.

BURIED WITH TEDDY

Mrs. Carrie E. Donegan, 75, of Cambridge, Mass., requested that the teddy bear which she won on a beach trip fifty years before be buried with her, along with a photograph of her late husband, John J. Donegan.

DREAM COMES TRUE

For three consecutive nights, Mrs. G. J. Patton, of Bluefield, W. Virginia, dreamed of finding a baby on her porch. Her dream came true—she found a baby on her porch exactly as she said she had dreamed it would be and turned it over to a hospital.

VISITING FACULTY MEMBERS TO TEACH AT COLLEGE

Seventy visiting faculty members from 19 states and one or more of the three summer sessions at the Pennsylvania State College.

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Has Three Veterans

Probably making a record for the state and ranking for a community of its size, Wellsboro had in its Memorial Day parade, three veterans of the Civil War.

Minor Auto Mishaps

Two minor accidents occurred within a few hours last Thursday at Beech Creek near the postoffice, both due to cars making left turns onto Locust street with other vehicles following.

The Pollyanna-yarns have nothing on some of the write-ups that are published about "successful executives."

Americanism: Newspaper editor yelling for the Fourth Estate and publishing free publicity by the ton.

Mumbles Lead to Discovery of Woman

A husband's mumbled inquiry for his wife as he lay critically injured in a Carlisle hospital Monday enabled police to recover the body of Dorothy K. Reike, 28, from a wrecked automobile in a five-foot deep mill race near Carlisle.

Rattlers Are Unusually Plentiful

Rattlesnakes are uncomfortably plentiful this year in at least one section of Centre County. George Narehood, Pine Glen lumberman, who is operating a sawmill on Yost Run Ridge, about 12 miles from Snow Shoe along the Renovo road, reports that he and his workmen have seen on an average of ten rattlers daily since the operations began.

Old Bruin Rambled Right Along

After it had been knocked down by two cars, both of which were damaged, a big black bear picked itself up and sauntered lamely into the woods at a point between Johnsonburg and St. Marys. The car of Edward Minnick, of St. Marys, which first hit the bear was damaged \$50, and that of Edward Zilcoski of Johnsonburg, \$45.

Coal Trucker Crushed To Death At Mine Stripping Operation Near Philipsburg

Victim Had Only Driven Coal Truck Five Days Before Meeting His Death; Centre County Coroner Makes Investigation

Less than a week after accepting a job as driver of a coal truck, Howard Askey, 31, of Gearhartville, was killed Tuesday night last week at the Lasher Coal Mining Company stripping, near Philipsburg.

Askey went to work for the Lasher company five days before he met with the fatal accident. Centre County Coroner Charles Sheckler of Milesburg, completed his investigation of the fatality last Wednesday afternoon.

The fatal accident occurred at 5:45 o'clock in the evening when the truck which he had been driving started to move forward by itself and he dashed around it in an effort to get in it and apply the brakes more securely.

The front of the truck caught him and crushed him against the embankment along the Philipsburg-Sandy Ridge road. A physician and ambulance was summoned and he was rushed to the Philipsburg hospital but he died of hemorrhages at 8:10 o'clock.

Mr. Askey was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Harris B. Askey of Clearfield. He was born at Philipsburg March 13, 1910. He is survived by his wife, the former Gladys Burke, of Clearfield. They were married in Clearfield in 1930. Three children survive.

The following two brothers and sisters also survive: Leland, Carl and Mrs. Octavio Buzzard, all of Clearfield.

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Askey home at Gearhartville. The Rev. Mr. Smith, pastor of the Gearhartville Free Methodist church of which Mr. Askey was a member, officiated. Burial was made in the Philipsburg cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Powell of Flemington were painfully injured Friday evening about 6 o'clock when they were thrown about 15 feet from their motorcycle in an accident at a Howard road.

Mrs. Powell received a fracture of the left leg above the knee, an injury to her knee and brush burns. Mr. Powell had a fracture of the right shoulder blade and an injury to his right ankle. They were treated by a Howard physician.

The Powells were riding west on Route 64, and in an attempt to avoid a car which crossed the road in front of them at the intersection their motorcycle skidded and threw them on the lawn of the Butler home.

Samuel Poorman of Marsh Creek, driver of the car asserted his view to the right was obstructed by a car. He had stopped at the stop sign before starting across the street.

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He was saved from possible serious injuries to his face by the shield he was wearing.

Third Generation Swans

Harry Mitchell, an employee of the New York and Pennsylvania company, Lock Haven, and also official caretaker of the swans in the basin at the upper mill, has announced the birth of the third generation of the family—seven in number.

One of the brood arrived on Tuesday and the remainder on Wednesday. Mr. Mitchell states that the new arrivals are the "grandchildren" of the original pair of swans who took up their habitat in the basin about six years ago.

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Observers



FARMERS TO MEET

Farmers' Day at the Pennsylvania State College on Thursday, June 12, will give rural families an opportunity to see their agricultural experiment station in action.

There will be tours of the College farms, laboratories, barns, gardens, and orchards. New processes will be demonstrated. Exhibits will include many interesting discoveries of the scientists. Music, speaking, and recreation will round out the program for the day.

Bolt Kills Ten Cows

A bolt of lightning that struck at the height of a brief electrical storm, killed ten Holstein cows on the farm of James H. Kendall, at McConnelsburg. Kendall estimated his loss at \$2500.

Centre County Farmers Vote 2 to 1 Against Plan To Regulate Wheat Crop

Majority of Pennsylvania Farmers Register Opposition to Federal Proposal of Limiting Crops; Many States Favor It

Final unofficial returns from Centre county on the referendum to place a limit on the 1941-1942 wheat crop disclosed yesterday that sixty-five farmers voted for the plan and one hundred and forty-seven opposed it.

Additional returns from the fifty-six counties which balloted Saturday in the national wheat referendum indicated that nearly four out of seven commonwealth wheat farmers opposed establishment of a federal marketing quota.

With two counties still incomplete, the state-wide vote showed 3343 farmers against the quota plan and 2501 in favor of it. Officials of the state agriculture conservation committee said a total of 574 challenged and 192 mailed ballots remained to be counted. Some 18,000 Pennsylvania farmers were eligible to vote.

Although only Bucks and Juniata counties reported incomplete returns, challenged, and mailed ballots in other counties will not be counted finally until Thursday.

Bucks, with one district to report, showed 29 farmers in favor of the marketing quota and 19 against, while Juniata, also lacking one dis-

trict, reported 66-43 vote against the plan. Establishment of the marketing quota hinges on returns from the nation as a whole, however, and early reports from other states indicated wheat farmers had voted overwhelmingly in favor of the regulation. A favorable vote by two-thirds of the farmers balloting is needed to put the plan into effect.

Only farmers growing at least 15 acres of wheat during the last year or farmers whose normal production on the acreage planted in wheat exceeded 200 bushels were eligible to vote in the referendum, and 11 Pennsylvania counties reported no votes cast. They were Cameron, Elk, Forest, Lackawanna, McKean, Potter, and Schuylkill.

Man Removed As House Burns

76-Year-Old Convalescent Carried From Burning Building

A 76-year-old convalescent was removed from a burning double frame dwelling on East Main Street Lock Haven Saturday morning as the property was ruined by a fire believed to have been caused by a defective chimney.

The building, occupied by the Guy R. Sheets and Lee Mayes families, was burned out in the center by the two-hour blaze, which burned from 9:30 to 11:30 o'clock. A furnace pipe had been started in the dwelling shortly before the disaster.

James Probst, father of Mrs. Sheets, who is recovering from an attack of pneumonia, was taken from the Sheets home to the home of his sister, Mrs. P. L. Winner, on West Main Street.

Two Injured In Motor Accidents

Woman Receives Hospital Treatment After Crash Near Madera

Highway accidents in the Philipsburg area over the weekend resulted in injuries to two persons.

Injured Friday night at Tubbs Crossing, near Madera, when her husband's truck pulled in front of a car was Mrs. Vincent Harm, formerly Mrs. Martha Strong, of Point Lookout. Mrs. Harm, suffering from a slight concussion, was taken to the Philipsburg Hospital for treatment. Her husband and Gene Hershey, 19, of Juniata, driver of the car, escaped injuries. Combined damages is reported to have been approximately \$450.

Grover William Thompson of Woodland, received head injuries early Friday morning one mile east of Bigler when he fell asleep while driving his car.

Thompson, who was taken to the Clearfield Hospital for treatment, told police his car rammed into the rear end of a car operated by Arnold Lewis, Indiana county. Lewis' car struck squarely in the middle, was turned completely around. Lewis was not injured.

No one was injured in two other accidents investigated by Philipsburg motor police when cars operated by Wilbur Patton, Port Matilda, and Ray Beeley, Cooperstown, collided near Port Matilda, and when a truck operated by Stanley Funday, Smoke Run, and a car driven by Charles Bower, Smoke Run, collided at Ramey.

Gift to Bucknell

Dr. Arnold C. Maris, president of Bucknell University on Saturday, accepted Alan P. Kirby's gift of the beautiful Kirby residence at Wilkes-Barre, for the use of the Bucknell University Junior College, and announced that in addition to his gift of this valuable property, Mr. Kirby has offered to donate a substantial sum of money towards an endowment for the operation of the home. Formerly the residence of Mr. Kirby's father, Fred Morgan Kirby, a well known financier and Woolworth official, the Kirby home is considered one of the most beautiful dwellings in Pennsylvania.

Will Buy New Pump

Wellsboro Borough council has awarded a contract for a new pump. It is a 500-gallon triple combination pumping engine and is to be delivered within a week. Contract for 1,200 feet of 2 1/2 inch hose has been awarded, also.

Bombs rain upon the British Isles but motor vehicles have a more devastating effect upon the people of the United States.

HOW WE ARE GROWING IN DEFENSE

When the Germans broke through the French line at Sedan, just about a year ago and it was seen that the French Army was doomed, the people of the United States realized that this country would have to begin one of the greatest armament programs in history.

Not infrequently the Centre Democrat is asked how many planes, tanks and other war equipment is being produced at this time, and how much it will be increased.

It is rather difficult to appraise the result of the year's accomplishment. Much has been done in the way of providing plant facilities for the mass manufacture of war materials and equipment. The output of these plants is just beginning to make itself felt but competent observers realize that the United States will require another year before it enters upon the mass production of military necessities.

It is possible, however, to give some figures to show what has been accomplished by the United States. Hanson W. Baldwin, military expert, of the New York Times, has recently compiled figures to show what has been done in the past year and to estimate what will be accomplished by January 1, 1942. The figures given below are taken from Mr. Baldwin's survey:

The Army has advanced from 260,780 officers and men in May 1940 to 1,320,000 at the present time, with an estimated 1,915,468 representing its strength next January. Light tanks nine to fifteen tons, have increased from 446 in May of last year, to more than 1,000, with estimates that more than 3,000 will be available next January.

In medium tanks, 17 to 28 tons, the Army has advanced from 18 a year ago to more than 100 and ex-

pects to have more than 400 available next January.

In anti-aircraft guns, the Army has moved from 445 a year ago to 562, and estimates are there will be available 852 by next January.

Figures for the navy show that in May, 1940, it included 146,439 officers and men. In May 1941, the Fleet personnel had advanced to 242,437 and by next January will include 310,000 officers and men.

In battleships, the navy had 15 last May, with eight building. Today, the navy has 17 with fifteen building and this will be the status next January.

Aircraft carriers: The navy had five a year ago, with two building. This May, the navy had six, with twelve building. This status will remain unchanged until January.

The cruiser strength of the Navy was 35 last May, with eight building. This month the navy had 37, with 54 building. The status of cruisers will remain unchanged until January.

Last May the navy had 219 destroyers, with 40 building. Afterwards came the transfer of 50 destroyers to Great Britain and the conversion of some destroyers to other uses, so that was 164, with 200 building. By next January, the Navy will have 174, with 190 building.

The submarine strength of the Navy a year ago was 95, with 19 under construction. This month it is 107, with 80 building, and by next January the totals will be 108, and 79 building.

Turning next to the United States Air Force including Army and Navy planes, the nation had 6,246 pilots in May 1940, and today we have between 10,000 and 11,000 pilots, and by January expect to have 22,000.

Police Explain Fatal Shooting

Altoona Patrolman Reveals Manner in Which Negro Was Killed

In his report to superior officers last week, Patrolman John Schonder of Altoona revealed that James Bolt Hall, the Negro fugitive he killed while pursuing him through an alley, crouched when the policeman fired a shot at him.

Schonder's statement solved the mystery of the shooting in which Hall was shot through the back after pulling a knife on the policeman. Here's how the shooting happened:

100-Room Hotel at Eagles Mere Burns

One of Oldest in Resort Community Destroyed Saturday Morning

Eagles Mere, Central Pennsylvania's mountain resort, lost one of its oldest and best situated hotels Saturday morning when the \$75,000 hotel, The Raymond, was burned.

The hotel had opened its season only Friday, Memorial Day, and there were less than a dozen guests registered.

Firemen from three communities assisted local volunteers. Greatest effort was concentrated in saving nearby buildings. An employee's lodging on the hotel property was closest, although other cottages, were considerably endangered.

After the flames had been subdued, firemen found a hole near the top of a central chimney, and this was given as the cause of the disaster.

The Raymond was built about 1890 and was on the southwest shore overlooking the lake. The original owner, William L. Laird, of Hughesville, named the business for his son, who inherited the property after the death of his parents.

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