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SAVING GAS

The Rev. Dr. J. Earle Edwards, pastor of the Queens Baptist church, New York, preached on conservation of gasoline at services last Sunday...

NO EXCITEMENT

A warning to avoid excitement because of a car trouble didn't mean a thing to Mrs. Ethel Sherer, of Bethlehem, when she was threatened by a three-foot rattlesnake...

NO USE FOR IT

A man returned a marriage license to probate Judge Flora K. Snowden at Kingstree, S. C., with this notation: "I got the license to have it ready whenever my girl said 'yes.' But when I get drunk she refuses to marry me and when I'm sober I wouldn't have her."

HE GUESSED RIGHT

Charles Tobin of Elwood, Ind., appeared at the police station to turn in a lost automobile license plate, and remarked that "someone probably would be looking for it." He was right. He returned the next day after he was told the plate on his car was missing. It was his plate.

NO HAY!

Mrs. Emilia Rivera's mattress got renewed in a hurry at Albuquerque, N. M. The company received a frantic letter about the \$500 worth of postal saving certificates inside, and speedily started the money back home.

Natives of County Married 40 Years

Mr. and Mrs. Willis A. Witherite, of 1216 Vine street, Conneville, quietly observed their fortieth wedding anniversary last Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Witherite married August 8, 1901, at Snow Shoe intersection, by Rev. J. Ziegler, and have spent all their married life in Conneville, where Mr. Witherite is a passenger conductor on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad.

Buffalo Run Homecoming

The annual Homecoming services of the Buffalo Run United Brethren church (Meyers) will be held Sunday, August 17, with Sunday school at 9:30 and worship services at 10:30, 2:45 and 7:45. Dr. J. S. Fulton, Johnstown, who served as Superintendent of the Allegheny Conference of the United Brethren church, will speak at all three services.

Find Injured Youth Along Track

Pennsylvania Railroad police are investigating the case of Donald D. Spauzy, 18-year-old Pitsburgh youth found unconscious from injuries on the railroad tracks near Lewistown. The youth was found by the crew of an eastbound engine and was taken to the Lewistown hospital, where attendants said he had suffered a fractured skull, broken legs and other injuries and that he was not expected to live.

Motorist Killed Instantly

Apparently falling asleep at the wheel, William Winters, aged about 52, was killed almost instantly when his car rammed into the rear of a big soft drink truck parked in Northumberland. Winters' neck was broken and he received internal injuries, also. The car was demolished. The owner of the truck notified the Mary M. Packer Hospital but Winters was dead when he reached the hospital.

Firemen Chased by Bull During Blaze

A bull caused a lot of excitement at a fire near Montrose on Friday. While a fireman was laying a hose-line to help battle the flames that destroyed a barn on the Pennsylvania State College experimental farmhouse milking station, a bel-

Valuable Ox-Team Sold to Farmer

In these days of horses and tractors on the farm, it is a rare occurrence to note the sale of a team of oxen. Mrs. Katherine Marshall,

Annual Visit of Tortoise to Camp

A tortoise with the initials "T. D." and the year 1876 scratched on its shell, is making its sixth annual visit to the Pilgrim Holiness camp,

Auto Accidents Bring Toll of Injuries Over Weekend in Philipsburg District

Four Members of Port Matilda Family Hurt In Crash; Police Report One Arrest Made; Two Pedestrians Are Injured

Three major accidents on Centre and Clearfield counties' roads in the Philipsburg area over the weekend injured nine persons and caused the arrest of a motorist for reckless driving.

Injured Saturday afternoon one mile west of Houtzdale were Agnes Orgis, 48, Miller Orgis, 20, Agnes Orgis, 3, all of Matilda, and Daniel Higley, Houtzdale. None of the injuries were serious, police reported although two of the Orgis family were treated by a Houtzdale physician.

The accident happened when Hig-

Mt. Eagle Man Found In Field

John Shope, 71, is Victim of Heart Attack Last Wednesday

John Henry Shope, a lifelong resident of Mt. Eagle vicinity, was found dead last Wednesday afternoon, lying in a field on the farm his foster-aunt, Mrs. Harriet Alkey.

The discovery was made by Mrs. Alkey's daughter, Mrs. Thomas A. Mosier of Bellefonte, after she found his hat in the field. He had been home for lunch but was missed later in the afternoon.

Centre County Coroner Charles Sheekler of Milesburg said death was due to a heart attack, to which the man had been subject for some years, and it was the coroner's opinion he had not been dead long. The field where he was found lying alongside a log is just across the road from the Alkey home.

When a small child Mr. Shope was adopted by Mrs. Alkey's sister Mrs. Mollie Leathers, and they had resided on the old Leathers farm at Mt. Eagle, now the site of a federal tree nursery, until a few years ago when they went to live with Mrs. Alkey. The two sisters are well advanced in years, Mrs. Leathers being 92, and Mrs. Alkey 85. Mr. Shope, who had reached the age of 71, had never married.

Funeral services were held Saturday morning at the Leathers home with Rev. Wallace Cummings officiating. Interment was made in Curtin cemetery.

Drowns in Creek At Hyner Camp

Find Body of CCC Enrollee Who Had Been Missing Two Days

The body of Edward Francis MacIntyre, 18, of Scranton, an enrollee of the Civilian Conservation Camp at Hyner, Clinton county, was found Saturday morning lying in several feet of water in Hyner Run, the stream which flows near the camp.

The young man had been missing since Thursday, and had been listed as "away without leave." The body was discovered by several other enrollees as they went to the stream to wash at a shallow place in the run about 100 yards from the camp where members of the camp often go for swimming and washing. They saw the body lying face down, fully clothed in the regular camp uniform.

Young MacIntyre had been a member of the camp since April 3, 1941. Fellow-enrollees told Clinton County Coroner Shoemaker that the boy had been melancholy recently. He disappeared Thursday night.

After examining the body and questioning friends of the young man, Coroner Shoemaker expressed the opinion that the death was due to suicide by drowning. No inquest will be held.

An advertisement in The Centre Democrat is profitable provided the advertiser has something to see at a price that is profitable to those who have money to spend.

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FAVORS 40-MILE SPEED LIMIT

Lynn G. Adams, commissioner of the Pennsylvania State Police, recommends a nationwide 40-mile speed limit as the best way to conserve gasoline in America's efforts to save fuel for defense purposes.

Wood ploughed into the Selby car which had come to an abrupt stop when the car preceding it stopped to give a pedestrian a lift. Police said the Selby car was unable to swing around the stopped car because of traffic approaching from the opposite direction.

Miss Wood, who was hurled against the windshield of the car she was riding in received a possible concussion and was taken to the Philipsburg State Hospital. Miss Selby was taken to the Clearfield hospital.

The limit in other states ranges from 25 to 60 miles. He cited figures compiled by an automobile company to show consumption of fuel at varying speeds. Experiments show, said Adams, that a stock car averaged 20 miles a gallon at a 30-mile-an-hour speed, 17.2 miles per gallon at 50 miles an hour and only 13.5 miles per gallon at 70 miles an hour.

Individuals who like the limelight rarely care what kind of spotlight they occupy.

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State Plans Enlargement of Black Moshannon and Poe Valley Parks in County

Program Said to Include Acquisition of Additional 1,000 Acres Each Around Fourteen Recreational Parks in State

Two of Centre county's popular summer recreational resorts--Black Moshannon State Park near Philipsburg and Poe Valley Park in the Coburn vicinity, are to be enlarged and improved under an outlined program announced last week by State Secretary of Forests and Waters Albert Stewart.

The two-fold program will increase the size of the state's parks and improve their facilities. Mr. Stewart stated that steps will be taken to acquire an additional 1,000 acres each around some 14 of the state's recreational parks.

This, the secretary declared, together with the recent acquisition of the 60-mile Delaware division canal and the proposed purchase of Pickett's Glen "will be the beginning of a real system of state parks."

The canal flows through Lehigh and Bucks counties while the 600-acre Pickett's Glen area lies in Luzerne, Sullivan and Wyoming counties.

Pennsylvania's 92 parks now range from an acre or less for a memorial spot to good-sized acreages like Caledonia Park in Franklin county which Stewart described "as the only real recreational state park we have."

In addition to Black Moshannon Park, other nearby parks to be in-

cluded in the enlargement and improvement program are Poe Valley Park in Centre County, and Parker Dam Park, in Clearfield county.

A five-year plan is being worked out by the Department of Parks. Stewart pointed out that many of the state's parks are now limited to lake fronts and limited parking areas. The acquisition of surrounding state forest land, he stated will insure that the scenic beauties of these places will not be despoiled. The expansion will be limited to places where there are state forest lands.

To Sue For Loss Of Son at Sea

Altoona Family Seek Damages For Victim of Torpedoed Robin Moor

According to reports the Batkiewicz family of Altoona, through their attorneys, will seek to collect damages for the death of their son, Frank Batkiewicz, who was lost at sea after being saved from the German-torpedoed Robin Moor. The suit will be brought against the Seas Shipping Company of New York, owner of the rescue ship Robin Locksley, from which their son disappeared after being taken aboard.

It is also said that the Batkiewicz family would become later a plaintiff in a litigation of \$4,500,000 against the German government to collect damages, together with surviving seamen of the Robin Moor for hardship, exposure, etc., suffered while at sea in lifeboats.

The amount of damages to be asked of the company for the loss of the son has not been set as yet, the family's attorney said.

WARNING

Don't park your car near the second tree from the corner of High and Spring Streets, beside the Pharmacy National Bank building, especially if it's a windy day. The core of the tree, at the base, is badly rotted, and only a thin outer shell of wood supports the tree.

ARREST

Council President Thomas Beaver, halting his car momentarily to come in to register a mild complaint against an article in last week's Centre Democrat about the lack of an aluminum drive in Bellefonte, was awarded by receiving a ticket for illegal parking.

Bellwood Boy, 12, Killed by Train

Believed to Have Fallen Under Wheels While "Hopping" Freight

Believed to have fallen under the wheels while trying to "hop" on or off a freight train, Elwood J. Brooks, a 12-year-old youth of Bellewood, was instantly killed last Wednesday noon by a westbound train just east of the town.

The boy suffered a nearly severed left leg between the hip and knee and a broken right arm. Officials were unable to determine how the lad came to his death, only disclosing that a member of the train crew sighted his body along the track. It was the belief of the coroner, however, that young Brooks was attempting to get on or off the train when he met with the accident.

Elwood J. Brooks was born June 12, 1929, at Bellewood, and was the son of George A. and Eva Margaret Shawley Brooks.

Members of the family include the parents, and the following brothers and sisters: John, Junia, Harry, Tyrone, Russell and Harold at home; Mrs. Jane Rice, Altoona; Mrs. Anna Miller, Bellewood; Mrs. Eva Jones, Junia; Vera Snyder, Tyrone, Helen and Pearl at home.

RAYMOND H. SMITH IS NEW COMMERCE DEPUTY

Raymond H. Smith, Boalsburg, has been appointed deputy secretary of the Commerce department, Secretary Marks S. James, announces.

Mr. Smith had been executive assistant to the secretary and assistant director of the State Planning Board. The 57-year-old deputy served as comptroller at Pennsylvania State College for 17 years, leaving the post in 1935 to act as consultant in corporate organization and public relations studies in private industry.

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Old Tyrone Pike Landmark Razed

One-Time Popular Dance Spot Being Torn Down by Workmen

The big dance pavilion which has been a landmark along the Tyrone pike, one mile south of Philipsburg, has been razed because the once popular Royal Arcanum park is no longer being used as a recreation center.

The park first came into existence 50 years ago and it was one of the area's most popular picnic locations. Later it developed into a dance location known throughout the central part of the State. Horse drawn carriages used to run between the park and town to furnish transportation.

Twenty years ago, some of the biggest name bands in the country played at Royal Arcanum as dancers twirled over the hardwood floors of the enlarged pavilion.

For the past few years, the pavilion has been used as a roller skating rink but the income resulting therefrom was said to be too little to pay the taxes.

The pavilion has been torn down and the lumber sold to several persons for building purposes. The hardwood floors have been purchased by persons who plan to put new floors in their homes. The lumber will be used for construction work by others.

All that remains is the grove of pines. The grove has not been used for picnics for years. It was first bought by 20 local men, charter members of the local Royal Arcanum Lodge. Somler Batcheler later bought the other stockholders out and the plot now belongs to his son, John Batcheler.

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Snow Shoe Man To Stage Thrill

Irish Kelly to Smash Automobile at Huntingdon Fair

Local visitors to the Huntingdon county fair Friday, August 20, will witness a Centre county man demolishing a stock automobile in an end-over-end crash roll, while clinging tightly to the steering wheel.

Irish Kelly, of Snow Shoe, will perform this thrilling stunt as one of the sensational highlights of the Jimmie Lynch death-dodgers auto thrill show.

The crash roll stunt was originated by Jimmy Lynch, king of dare-devils, during the Chicago World's fair in 1934, and young lad named Irish Kelly, a Pennsylvania Irishman whose home is at Snow Shoe, Centre county, will perform the stunt at the Huntingdon fair. Kelly, a former football star at Snow Shoe, is well known throughout central Pennsylvania due to his gridiron success, and many of his friends look forward to seeing him at the fair on Thursday.

In the crash roll, Kelly will take an old stock car, racing the machine up an elevated runway and then flip the steering wheel, causing the car to plunge with several complete rollovers.

In another daring event, one of the Lynch dare-devils will plunge from the end of an elevated runway, diving a stock car some 60 feet through space to hurdle a bus or truck and crash into the side of

Does 'Human Fly' Break from Jail

By Aid of Electric Wire, Prisoner Scales Wall of Altoona Prison

With unusual ingenuity and skill John Hershel, 18, escaped from his cell on the third floor of city hall prison at Altoona, early Sunday morning, and by means of a length of electric wire made a "human fly" escape to the street. He was captured at Blairsville Sunday night.

Hershel, an Atlanta, Ga. youth was being held for a series of robberies.

Time of Ward's escape was not officially known, but it was conjectured he fled about 4 a. m. Police said his first method of an apparently well-planned scheme to flee was permitting the latch of the door to lock when the jailer closed it on him Saturday night.

After he opened the door before dawn, police theorized, Ward ripped down from the corridor ceiling a metal conduit containing electrical wiring. The end of this bent hook-shaped and used as a scaling device to descend the outside of the building into Thirtieth avenue alley.

What puzzled police mostly was his means of squeezing his body through a small space between the window bars and the brick window frame.

Ward had to pass a window of the telephone operators room on the second floor but the operator re-

fractures leg stepping from car while visiting in Lock Haven

Dr. Charles W. LeVan, of Walkersville, Md., who had been visiting in Lock Haven, is a patient at the Lock Haven Hospital, the result of a fall Sunday night, and may have to spend at least six weeks in the hospital while his injuries heal.

Dr. LeVan has been a guest at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Clifford Weber, 115 East Church street, and was getting out of the Weber car in front of their home Sunday night when he missed his footing and fell. Mrs. Weber had gone ahead with her baby expecting to return to help her father. He decided to get out himself, however, and lost his balance.

In the fall he fractured both his right leg and wrist. He had expected to return to Walkersville later this week but now his visit in Lock Haven will be prolonged.

A retired minister, Dr. LeVan preached for 50 years in the Reformed church, serving three parishes, Baltimore, Md. Alexander, and Mechanicsburg, Pa. He retired about three years ago.

There is no asset as valuable for Bellefonte as community cooperation, the general concern for the common good and the common concern for the general welfare.

'KEEPING UP WITH THE JONESES' -- What a Development!!



By POP MOMAND

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