

Odd and CURIOUS in the NEWS

STINK BAGS A number of towns report sales of asafetida, the drug that tastes like garlic and smells worse...

DOG TIRED Eight-year-old Pat is home in Philadelphia again but he's dog tired. Given away to a New Jersey farmer...

ALL IN ALL As local registrar, the Rev. John W. Harrell, of Lakeland, Ga., issues marriage licenses...

PRAYER ANSWERED In a banner line the Missouri newspaper, Monroe County Appeal, declared, "Lord, We Confess Our Sins, We Ask Forgiveness, We Pray For Rain..."

SANDWICH BITES Private Glenn Martin, Fort Scott, Kansas, received the surprise of his life recently when upon taking a bite of a bread and jelly sandwich...

SHE'S BOSS A store at York Village, Maine, displays a sign that reads: "The General Store. Dry goods, wet goods, can goods, Bill Gallagher & Son, Mgr., Mrs. Gallagher, Boss."

MRS. I. M. BIERLY IS HONORED ON ANNIVERSARY Sunday, August 31, Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Bierly took a drive to Lock Haven and on the return trip they stopped at their old home along Jacksonville road...

Gasoline Starts Fire Fire in a truck operated by Nevin Laubscher, of Lock Haven, R. D. 1, due to an explosion of gasoline, spread to the forest near the Samuel Probst sawmill between Swisssdale and Woolrich...

Government May Enforce Saving Federal economists are studying a plan under which the government would force wage-earners of the nation to save a portion of their weekly salaries.

Freak Stalk Bears 62 Potatoes Sixty-two potatoes on one stalk! That's the way W. O. Helsler, of Shamokin Dam, grows them in his garden. Harvesting his potato crop...

Forgetfulness Costs Woman Her Life Mrs. Marion Mello, 44, of Northumberland county, believing that something which she had left on her stove might be burning, hurried from the home of a neighbor...

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Family of Driver Killed at Hughesville Fair Given Winning Purse by Judges

Harry Harper, 34, Victim Race Track Crash, Awarded Posthumous Honors on Recommendation of Fellow Drivers

True sportsmanship and sympathy were demonstrated Saturday afternoon in the auto races at the Locomotive County Fair at Hughesville following the fatal crash in which Harry Harper, 34, of Chester, smashed into an overturned race car and received injuries from which he died an hour later in the Muncy Valley Hospital.

Oak Hall Man's Car Strikes Tree

Joseph Isenberg Escapes Injury When Automobile Turns Over

Joseph E. Isenberg, Oak Hall Station, Centre County, escaped injury Saturday night when his automobile failed to negotiate a turn in Dunstunton, Clinton county, plowed across the lawn at the residence of Mrs. Elery King, struck a tree and then turned over on its side.

Karthus Child Has Leg Broken

Struck By Passing Car Shortly After Leaving School House

Shortly after being dismissed at the close of school last Tuesday at Karthus, Duanone Guenot, 7, was struck by a car and rushed to Phillipsburg Hospital where he was treated for a fractured right leg and lacerations of the head.

Amateur Hour Winners Named

Scores Receive Cash Awards in Competition at Grange Fair

The following awards were made to the 1941 Amateur Contestants at the 1941 Grange Fair: First Grand Prize: \$7, Peggy Wilson, Lewisport; baton twirling; second \$4.50, Edna Stover, Millheim; piano solo; third, \$3, Norma Pifer and Delores Martin, Bellefonte, vocal duet.

Minister's Wife Overcome

Mrs. George B. Gensemer, wife of the pastor of the Presbyterian church at Sayre, is in a serious condition at the Robert Packard Hospital as a result of being overcome by gas in her home. Friends who went to the manse found the house filled with gas and Mrs. Gensemer unconscious.

Big Catch of Fish

Ed. Lejeda's catch on a fishing day at Towanda last week included eight bass, the largest an 18-inch black one that tipped the scales at three pounds. Others were 16, 15, 15 and 12 inches long.



25 MEN TO BE EXAMINED

Centre County's Local Draft Board No. 1 will send the largest number of men since Selective Service was inaugurated to Williamsport for final Army physical examinations.

Opens Practice at Phillipsburg

Dr. James P. Scott, son of ex-Senator Harry B. Scott, Phillipsburg, has become associated with Dr. A. C. Lynn and Dr. Lester Luxenburg at their offices in Phillipsburg.

SO—THAT'S THE LAW

Marriage For Money—If a man marries a woman expecting to get a substantial dowry, and after the ceremony finds he gets nothing but a wife—has he the legal right to have the marriage annulled?

Secrecy Laws—A North Carolina law forbids anyone to hunt on Sundays unless he has a dog with him. An ordinance of Fayetteville, Arkansas the killing of any living creature (including beebugs and bees).

Convicts And Law Suits—Most states have laws which provide that a person convicted of crime and sentenced to a term of less than life imprisonment loses all his civil rights during the term of his sentence. Thus he may not vote, nor may he start any law suit during that period. However, if he is sued, he may defend himself.

Wedding Bells—A marriage license has just been issued in Zanesville, Ohio, to Charles Shipman, 73 years of age, and Emma Schultz, 16. The girl's mother consented to the marriage because "she was glad her daughter was marrying a man who would take care of her after her mother was gone."

Funeral Parlors—Funeral Parlors may be a nuisance—or so the Courts have held. If an undertaking establishment is set up in residential section of a city, and it makes the neighbors uncomfortable, the law generally upholds the right of the near-by residents to stop (by legal means) the operation of the funeral home in their vicinity.

Money Saver—New York City has saved \$4,200,000 since 1935 by acting as its own insurance company against fire damage and personal injury claims.

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Church Opens Drive The First Methodist Church of Bloomsburg has launched a campaign for \$20,000, \$12,000 of which is planned to be used in redecorating and renovating the church, and \$8,000 for indebtedness on the church school building erected in 1927.

America is in a state of emergency. Every citizen is urged to do his part by buying Defense Savings Bonds and Stamps.

President's Mother Dies Unexpectedly at Home in Hyde Park, New York

Chief Executive at Bedside When End Came for Sarah Delano Roosevelt; Was Extremely Active at Eighty-Six

Mrs. Sara Delano Roosevelt, 86, who lived to see her only son become President of the United States, died Sunday at Hyde Park, N. Y., at the ancestral Roosevelt home overlooking the Hudson River.

Youth Sentenced On Rape Charge

Involved in Crime Against 15-Year-Old Girl From Bellefonte

George English, a Lock Haven youth, was sentenced by the Clinton county court Thursday morning to serve from two to five years in the Western Penitentiary after he signed a plea of guilty to a charge of statutory rape involving a 15-year-old girl from Bellefonte.

Four Prisoners Taken To Pen

Clinton County Relieved of Men Sentenced For Various Crimes

Four or five male prisoners sentenced to serve terms in the Western Penitentiary at special court sessions of Clinton county court during the past week were taken there by Sheriff D. Edward Grenoble.

Road and Bridge Funds Approved

\$10,076 Due Various Townships in County, State Auditor Reports

Auditor General F. Clair Ross last week approved requisitions for regular September-quarter payments totalling \$982,985 for the construction and maintenance of roads and bridges in 1418 second class townships of the Commonwealth.

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Mahaffey Man Claims He Was Slugged Over Auto Collision Dispute

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BET: Bet the Lock Haven police cruiser that chased and caught Hoy Houck, of Bellefonte, after he allegedly attacked a Lock Haven girl last Thursday night, wasn't painted white.

OPINION: Police report the only reason Houck gave for his actions was that he liked to beat women across. If so, there's something wrong somewhere. We never heard a scream that we'd give a plugged nickel to hear repeated.

WHAT'S THIS: Among the attacks Houck is reported to have admitted was the one on March 24 in which Grace Gray, of 430 W. Nittany avenue, State College, was the victim. If we remember correctly State College police had written this one off some time ago as solved. This theory at the time tried to find out how it was "solved" but the closest we could get was a mumbled report that "some school boy running along the street had bumped into the gal, heh, heh."

THERE MUST BE TWO: Houck, it is reported, has admitted the attack on Miss Betty Schenck, 17, of Howard, last April 19. If his alleged confession is on the level, he didn't tell all, for all newspaper accounts of the attack reported that at least 120 men were involved. Here's a part of the report published in this newspaper, and the story's accuracy has never been questioned: "As she neared her home a man appeared on the scene. About the same time the horn of the automobile was sounded the man grabbed Miss Schenck." Cars don't drive around and blow horns by themselves.

FIRST GRADE: This corner never before has appreciated first grade teachers, because up until now we never had a youngster in school. But let's consider the first grade teacher's plight. She has to take charge of approximately 30 six-year-olds who up until that time have ruled the roost (even if you don't admit it) at home. She has to make them keep quiet, (which can't be done at home) and she has to make them do things when and how they should be done. To her falls the lot of having to teach the children the first routine they've ever had. How they manage is beyond this department's comprehension. We'd be ready for a padded cell in three days. The crowning blow to parental pride is that first grade teachers make the kids like school, and darned if they aren't a whole lot sadder, too, when at home. The moulding of young and raw human clay into the shape of civilization is a terrific job, which makes us happy that we chose the quiet and uneventful life of a newspaperman.

FIRING STOVES: Adding to this department's report last week on "How to Fire Bucket-a-Day Stoves in Three Easy Lessons," Ethan Vars, of East Bishop-on-street, strongly recommends the use of colliers' coal instead of the so-called "book" product. Colliers coal, he points out, is of even size, is free of dirt and has no slate or other chunks of foreign material to log gears.

SEER IN SERVICE: We're at chair's edge waiting for Congressman Jimmy VanZandt to get home from a period of duty in the Naval Reserves. Then, by gum, we'll get all the latest and hottest dope on the U. S. Navy. If we don't it will be the time Jimmy has fallen in lip-service to the district.

ATTACK: We are a little amazed at all the fuss and furor being made over the loss of a submarine and a U. S. destroyer somewhere in the Atlantic Ocean last week. The record is garbled as to whether the submarine attacked, or whether the destroyer was the aggressor. It doesn't seem to make any difference, anyhow. The surprising thing about it is that the country seems so surprised there was an incident of the kind. The United States is living dangerously—and rightly so. Those who live dangerously must expect attack. The important thing is for the U. S. to be ready to meet any and all comers.

TAYLOR MURDER: Whatever else Hoy Houck may have done this corner doesn't think he knows anything about the Taylor murder. The crimes attributed to the former orchestra leader seem to have been purposeless and amateurish. The Taylor murder was a precision job by a madman who knew what he wanted and went ahead and did it. Houck, as far as we've been able to learn, never tried to get any of his victims into his car. One of the Taylor slayer's chief accomplishments was his neat job of getting his victim and her many parcels into his car without attracting attention.

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By F. O. ALEXANDER

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