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TIRE OF IT Motorists on the Cadron Highway at Conway, Ark., were naturally surprised when a man alighted from his automobile...

GOOD SHOT Seeing a squirrel in a tree, Sam Arena, of Pittsfield, Mass., hunting for the first time, pulled the trigger.

HEN PENSIONED Grace Irwin of Pawnee, Ill., has pensioned one of her hens. The bird lost both legs when she recovered from seven years ago.

MISFIT PAJAMAS Some months ago Mrs. Herman G. Bonds of Belleville, Ill., lost a pair of expensive pajamas to a thief who ransacked her laundry as it hung on the backyard clothesline.

GOT THE BREAKS Returning from school, Everett Case, Jr., 15, of Clarksburg, W. Va., fell down and broke his left leg for the seventeenth time.

PUBLISHER ANNENBERG AGAIN DENIED PAROLE M. L. Annenberg, publisher of the Philadelphia Inquirer, has been denied a parole a second time.

He entered the prison July 22, 1940, and his first request for a parole was denied early in July.

Child Killed by Train Wayne Oswald Reichelderfer, 2, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Reichelderfer, of Milton, was killed over the weekend, after he had wandered from his home, near the Pennsylvania Railroad, and was playing on the tracks.

Fractures Leg in Fall John Schrack, Loganton merchant, suffered a fracture of the left knee Thursday when he jumped from a wagon he thought was about to upset.

Just a Broken Leg Floyd Wood, a lumberman, limped to a physician's office at Emporium. Saying he was sorry to trouble him, he asked the doctor to look over an injury he received at work.

Bullet In Heart, Man Told He Can Live Lloyd Landis of Catesville has lived three weeks with a .22 calibre bullet embedded in his heart.

How We Would Dress for a 'Blackout' The Office of Civilian Defense gave notice last week that in case of emergency areas within 200 to 600 miles of the seacoast...

Freight Conductor Killed When He Falls Under Train In Juniata Railroad Yards

Edward E. Mauk, 59, Had Both Legs Crushed By Wheels of Car; Was Member of Ty Tyrone Borough Council

Freight conductor Edward E. Mauk, 59, prominent resident of Tyrone and councilman-elect of that borough, was fatally injured Saturday night when he fell beneath the wheels of a freight train in the yards at Juniata.

The accident occurred in the receiving yard of "WH" tower Saturday night at 6:15 p. m. Mauk was hanging onto the small ladder of the tender of a local westbound freight train as it pulled into the yards when he slipped and fell beneath the wheels of the first car.

The train was moving slowly, it was said. Mauk had just finished work and would have started for his automobile, parked nearby, when the accident happened.

He was councilman-elect of the Seventh Ward, and was for the past sixteen years Republican committeeman in Tyrone.

Mr. Mauk was born September 5, 1882, at Warriors Mark, a son of Frank and Marian (Sutter) Mauk.

Apparently mistaken for small game, a doe weighing between 90 and 100 pounds was fired on repeatedly in the wooded section on the edge of the Gorton farm in Columbia county. The left front leg of the doe was torn completely off, and the front quarters riddled with bullets.

Paradise—The court records of Texas show that Lucille Angel sued Joe Angelo for a divorce. Evidently marriage was not exactly like heaven to this couple.

Seven Eleven—Joseph Howard was found guilty of gambling. The judge asked him whether he had a pair of dice in his pockets.

Girl Saves Life of Neighbor Child Rescues 4-Year-Old Shirley Vallalla From Icy Waters of Pool

Nine-year-old Norma Jean Greenwald, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Greenwald of Graham Station, Clearfield county, now holds the title of that area's life saver.

White, driver of the automobile, told police Kiser loomed before him so suddenly while driving north on Fourth street that there wasn't even time to use his brakes before the auto struck him with the right front fender and headlight.

Government Job Open The U. S. Civil Service Commission announces that it has received insufficient applications from qualified persons to fill vacancies in the position of Junior Assistant Engineer, \$2090 a year, at the Federal Penitentiary in Lewisburg.

Church Steeple Removed Work of removing the steeple of the Watson Lutheran church was completed Thursday by the Ryan Contracting Company, of Milton, which immediately began construction of a lower one.

Let Us Give Thanks A hand holding a bell with the word 'FREEDOM' on it, and another hand holding a banner with the word 'TOLERANCE' on it, with a church and a landscape in the background.



GIRL REPORTER HONORED

Long overdue tribute was paid Sunday, in Hanover, Pa., to a woman reporter who trudged 15 miles through the cold winter air to cover Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address...

Mary Shaw Leader, who died in Hanover in virtual obscurity in 1913, was invited to the 50th anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg which was being held as she passed away.

On her unmarked grave in Mt. Olivet cemetery there was unveiled amid simple ceremonies a granite monument bearing a suitable inscription.

Thinking in Bed—Is a lawyer entitled to be paid for thinking in bed? "Yes," ruled a Court recently in a case in which an attorney had to sue for his fee.

Random Judicial Wisdom—The following ideas were expressed in court opinions: "Those who shoot at their friends for amusement, ought to warn them first that it is mere sport."

Our National Sport—At the recent strike at the Roebing steel plant in Trenton, N. J., six hundred C. I. O. union members picketed, carrying baseball bats with signs attached.

Altoona Man Is Instantly Killed David A. Kiser Walked in Front of Auto Driver Tells Police

David A. Kiser, 63-year-old Blair county plasterer, was killed instantly by an automobile driven by Rupert J. White, on Fourth street, Altoona, last Wednesday afternoon.

White, driver of the automobile, told police Kiser loomed before him so suddenly while driving north on Fourth street that there wasn't even time to use his brakes before the auto struck him with the right front fender and headlight.

Mr. Grebe was a member of the Presbyterian church, the Improved Order of Red Men, Loyal Order of Moose, B. P. O. E., Central District Firemen's Association, Hope Fire Company and the I. O. O. F.

Laurelton Improvements Henlock trees from the State Nursery are now being planted along the main drive of the Laurelton State Village, and it is expected that other shrubbery will be placed this year around the various new buildings and drives recently finished in a wide expansion program.

PETER PUBLIC—Ain't It th' Truth? A cartoon strip with four panels showing a man talking to himself and others.

Young Bride of Six Months Killed In Leap or Fall From Bedroom Window at Altoona

Husband of Victim, a City Patrolman, Being Held in Technical Custody, Pending Probe of Affair; Pair Had "Differences"

Mrs. Margaret J. Emerick, 18, wife of City Patrolman Willis D. Emerick, of Altoona, was killed early Sunday morning when she leaped or fell from the bedroom window of their second story apartment at 2527 Union avenue.

Chester Rothrock, Blair County Coroner, termed the death of Mrs. Emerick a suicide. He said the young woman's body penetrated a glass window of the Emerick bedroom before falling 16 feet to the hard ground. A fractured skull caused her death.

District Attorney Wray of Blair county immediately began an investigation with the result that the woman's husband is being held technically until the probe is completed.

Emerick and his wife had some "differences" the district attorney indicated. He said the young woman had an overnight bag packed with her clothes and several of her husband's pictures before falling or leaping to her death.

Accord to the district attorney, Emerick and his bride of 6 months met early Sunday morning in the city's business section and went home together. While they were preparing for bed, Emerick was in another room "apparently getting a bite to eat" when he heard a crash.

Although Emerick is being held in technical custody, he is under no formal arrest. The district attorney asserted there was no evidence of foul play.

Murder and Inheritance—May a son who murders his father inherit the parent's property? The courts in several states have answered this question by saying "Yes." Such was the law in Pennsylvania until 1917 when a law specifically forbidding such inheritance was passed.

Easy Divorce—Divorce is easy in Java. All that is required is that the couple go before a priest and break a ring or cut a piece of cord—and presto, they are free.

Outdoor Life in Massachusetts—According to the laws of Massachusetts, a man who has been married for 25 years is entitled to a 25-day vacation.

2 Lewistown Men Killed In Crash Employees of Street Department Fatally Injured in Collision

Collision of an automobile with a trailer truck killed two Lewistown street department workers Saturday as they were returning home from a football game at Mt. Union.

Seven Centre county women have entered their crochets for the fifth annual National-Wide Crochet Contest, to be judged in New York this month.

10,000 Chestnut Trees In perhaps the greatest effort in the state to bring back the glory of chestnuts, wiped out years ago by blight, George Holmes, Postmaster Mills, Columbia county, has planted 10,000 of the trees, which have proved resistant to the blight.

Barn, Crops Burn The large barn on the Walter Brown farm in Centerville, Bradford county, was destroyed by fire, with all the summer crops. All of the stock was saved, with the exception of one calf, and some of the farm machinery was saved.

Victim of Paralysis Little Shirley Heddens, daughter of Mrs. Corabelle Heddens, Washingtonville, is a patient in Gelsinger Hospital, suffering from infantile paralysis, the first case reported in that section in a number of weeks.

Shook Albino Squirrel While hunting recently, Dick Rice of Monroeton, shot an albino squirrel. The fur of the rodent, the size of a gray squirrel, was pure white, and the squirrel had pink eyes.

Fireman: It is an established fact that the Bellefonte Fire Department isn't what it used to be years ago (thank goodness). It has improved immeasurably. But this corner never expected to see one of our big, burly smoke-eaters standing on a street corner selling Jehovah's Witness tracts.

INSPECTOR: One of the most faithful of the unpaid inspectors on the high school construction job is Edward Garman, of East High street, well known resident Bellefonte merchant Mr. Garman, who daily visits the site, marvels at the high quality of workmanship and the skill with which the big building is being assembled.

VanZandt: Congressman James E. VanZandt last week voted against the revision of the Neutrality Bill, thereby pleasing the Lindberghs, the Bundists, the Wheelers, and the dictators. Whether he pleased anyone in this Congressional district seems to be of little importance to our representative.

Hearing: Earl K. Stock, supervising principal of the Bellefonte schools, is to be given a public hearing on charges of incompetence, persistent negligence, and persistent and willful violations of the school code, preferred by School Director Franklin B. Schad. We're afraid Mr. Schad has a big order on his hands, for providing any one of the three charges will be about as easy as trying to prove Joe Blotz doesn't favor Paternity, Motherhood, or the Sanctity of the Home. In other words the terms are abstractions. You can't get your teeth into them.

College Student Has Head Injury Penn State Man in Accident in Which Wellsboro Man Dies

A Wellsboro man was killed and three others, including a State College student, were seriously injured in a collision of two cars at an intersection just north of Salidasburg, Saturday night.

Edward Shields was the victim of the fatal accident. In the Jersey Shore hospital are Max Kline, of Cumberland, Md., driver of the car in which the dead man was riding, with fractures of the left arm and leg; Mrs. Kline with fractures of both thighs, and possible fractures of the pelvis and ribs; and Albert A. Price, Penn State student from Upper Darby, driver of the other car, with a fractured skull and compound fracture of the jaw.

Strike: Wonder if John L. Lewis, in the privacy of his boudoir and while enjoying a long and fragrant pipe ever admitted to himself that he'd like to be a dictator? Sometimes you can almost see how "it could happen here."

Propheet: Local weather sage early last week predicted that Indian Summer would arrive November 17. He missed it by only a few days. Indian Summer began November 13, or thereabouts.

Miscellaneous: Anyhow, Mr. Stock's hearing won't cost much. School Board members figure that about the only cost will be the wage for a disinterested public stenographer. Witnesses will get nothing. Where the prosecution attorney of attorneys get their fee is their business. Mr. Stock will provide his own attorney, it is believed.

Reason: Maybe some of our customers may wonder why this corner seems to be taking sides in the forthcoming saga of the court room to be entitled "The Trial of Earl K. Stock" or "Where Were You on the Morning of February 13, 1939?" This super-duper colossal spectacle which we predict you'll forget to tell your grandchildren, is scheduled to begin Monday evening, December 15, and will run nightly until the school board has decided enough is enough or until something else happens to put an end to the thing. This corner urges you to attend the "trial." It should be entertaining.

Battlewagon: Almost fabulous stories are told about the navigating abilities of the chief navigation officer aboard the U. S. fleet's mammoth battleship North Carolina. They claim the officer can steer the huge vessel almost with the same precision that a mother scoots a baby carriage through traffic in a Christmas rush. On recent tests they told the lad to slip the ship through two buoys spaced just far enough apart to let the craft through. He did it without scraping either buoy. On another occasion he rammed a buoy head-on. Sounds simple, doesn't it? But have you, for instance, ever tried to drive a bus? Think how much more figuring you'd have to do to navigate a ship as long as Bellefonte's business district!

Christmas: A visit to practically every other Central Pennsylvania town of any size reveals that merchants and...

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