

Odd and CURIOUS in the NEWS

TURNING THE TABLES

Up in Elk county in the big game country there's a deer carrying a gun. Deputy Sheriff John Slavin of Allegheny county, sheepishly told friends the gun was his. Slavin fired at the handsome 12-point buck and it toppled over. Thinking it was dead, the hunter started to tie a tag on his prize. He stacked the gun on the animal's antlers to facilitate matters. As though that was just what the wily buck was waiting for, it sprang up and fled—plus the gun.

TOO SLOW

Frank Lawson, 41-year-old electrician of Hammond, Ind., rallied at the "injustice of it all" after he had been sentenced to ten days in jail for driving too slowly. The arresting officers accused Lawson of endangering traffic by driving four miles an hour while intoxicated. Lawson protested that he was not intoxicated and explained that he was driving so slowly because he was a very, very careful motorist.

ROPE SAVES MAN

As Henry Hatton, 21, smoke-stack painter of Akron, Ohio, changed his position while working at the top of a 140-foot metal smoke-stack, he slipped. The rope tied to his body caught on a guide wire about 85 feet from the ground, and there he hung, head down, for twenty minutes until firemen, using their longest ladder, cut him down. He appeared to be uninjured, but, we imagine, thoroughly frightened.

DOG GETS REWARD

When Pochie dropped a set of false teeth into her master's hands, at Memphis, Tenn., the dog's owner promptly advised the find in the lost-and-found column of the newspaper. The delighted owner of the teeth claimed his lost molars and rewarded Pochie with two crisp \$1 bills.

GREETINGS LATE

Two cards, one an Easter card postmarked in April, 1939, and the other a birthday greeting card postmarked in September, 1939, were recently received by Frank Davidson, of Wilmington, Dela. The cards were mailed in Milton, 70 miles southeast of Wilmington. The 32-year-old delay was unexplained.

MARRIES RESCUER

Two years ago, when the Athena was torpedoed, Seaman Peck helped Miss Margaret Brown to board the City of Flint. She said she would never forget him and she didn't. They were recently married.

Eighteenth Child Born to Family

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hill of Lock Haven, are the proud parents of their eighteenth child, a son, born after midnight on December 1st at their home. The baby, who has 13 living brothers and sisters, has been named Theodore Clarence. Mrs. Hill is 42 and her husband, 45. Hill, a \$30-a-week paper mill worker, indicated that neither Mrs. Hill nor himself were anxious to have any more children. Fourteen of the children are living, nine at home. "This family is large enough now," smiled Hill. "It's a big job for me to feed them all. They're healthy and that's all that counts."

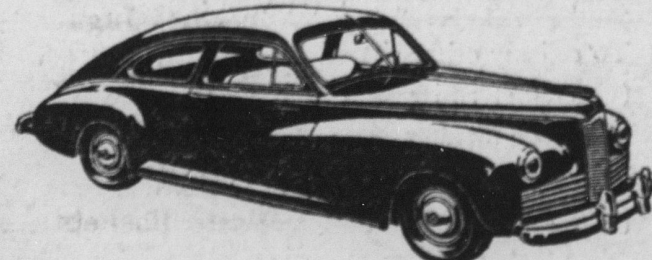
Hunter Has Deer Stolen from Car

Burt Witherle of Osceola Mills, was proudly telling his friends at the Osceola Mills Legion the other night about the fourteen-point buck he had shot in the Greenwoods, when he decided to go outside and examine his deer which was strapped onto his car. When he got outside he found his buck missing. Someone had taken advantage of the dense fog that prevailed and had stolen the buck.

Hunter Traps Rare Silver Fox

The first silver gray fox trapped in Pennsylvania, at least for many years, was caught by Grant Walker in a trap near the Memorial Spring on the Cameron road, not more than two miles from Emporium. A pellet of this animal is listed at from \$800 to \$1,000. These foxes are usually found hundreds of miles further north.

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U.S. DECLARES WAR ON JAPAN

Formal Declaration Is Made as Tokyo Boasts of Smashing Air Victories

Congress Acts Quickly After President Reads War Message Outlining Japan's Dastardly and Unprovoked Military Attack

The United States, through its Congress on Monday declared war on Japan.

The Senate vote of 82 to 0 and the House vote of 388 to 1 told their own story of unity in the face of common danger. The speed with which the two chambers granted President Roosevelt's request for a declaration was unprecedented.

The single adverse vote was that of Miss Jeanette Rankin, Republican congresswoman from Montana, who was among the few who voted against the 1917 declaration of war on Germany.

The officially-announced loss of two warships and 3,000 men dead and wounded in Japan's raid on Hawaii was fresh in the minds of the legislators.

The Senate and House had assembled together to hear President Roosevelt ask for the declaration. They cheered him enthusiastically and then pushed the resolution through with not a moment's waste of time.

"I ask," the chief executive told a joint session, "that the Congress declare that since the unprovoked and dastardly attack by Japan on Sunday, December 7th, a state of war has existed between the United States and the Japanese empire."

The president said that Sunday, Dec. 7th, was "a date which will live in infamy."

Within 20 minutes after he finished the resolution.

Both Pennsylvania senators, James J. Davis and Joseph F. Guffey, voted for the resolution.

The thirteen senators who did not vote were announced as being absent. There is one vacancy in the Senate.

The absentees were Senators Billbo, Bone, Caraway, McCarran, Schwartz, Thomas of Idaho, Wallgren, Wheeler, Spencer and Hayden, Democrats, and Brewster, Holman and Capper, Republicans.

The momentous doings at the capitol followed a White House announcement that Japan's sudden attack on Hawaii had cost the United States two warships and 3,000 dead and wounded.

Standing at the rostrum of the House chamber, the chief executive, in a scene such as had not been enacted since 1917, disclosed that

The Oldtimer



U. S. DEFENSE NEEDS TO DELAY ELECTRIC SERVICE EXTENSIONS

Present and prospective customers who plan to build, remodel or expand are urged by West Penn Power Company to discuss their needs for additional electric service facilities with the local West Penn district manager, while their building plans are still in the formative stage. Since copper, steel, zinc and other materials used in providing electric service are essential for national defense, the use of such material for new or additional utility facilities is now definitely controlled by OPM. West Penn announces therefore,

Bellefonte Loses Chance of Getting Vets' Hospital; Harrisburg Site Selected

President Approves Recommendation of Federal Board of Hospitalization that \$2,000,000 Institution be Placed in Dauphin Co.

Bellefonte's hopes of securing Pennsylvania's new \$2,000,000 Veterans' Hospital were blasted on Friday by the announcement from Washington that the institution would be located within a twenty-mile radius of Harrisburg.

The site chosen by the Federal Hospitalization Board and its approval by the President, settles once and for all the contest among Central Pennsylvania communities, for the coveted 1148-bed hospital which is to be constructed at a cost approximating \$2,000,000.

The President's order leaves final selection of a definite site to Veterans Administrator Frank T. Hines. It was believed in some circles that the new Veterans' facility might be constructed at Forest Hills, four miles west of Carlisle.

Three separate surveys were made of the Forest Hills estate, once owned by John Lindner, now the property of a Carlisle bank. It is located near Carlisle, a short distance from the Pennsylvania Turnpike, and overlooks Conowinget creek.

The 360-acre tract is partly wooded and partly cleared, has a nine-hole golf course, and rises to a bluff 250 feet above the stream.

Other sites considered in the 20-mile radius of the capital included: three north and east of Harrisburg; one at the foot of South Mountain, near Mt. Holy Springs; one adjoining

Random Items

APPOINTMENT: As long as Harry E. Weber of Phillipsburg, had to lose his position as a member of the Fish Commission, there's no one we'd rather see get the post than Charles A. Mench of Bellefonte, who was named to the job last week. Charlie is an ardent fisherman; makes his own dry flies and casts about as neat a fly as you'll find on any trout stream. In addition he is a member of the newspaper profession and holds a high office in the Centre County Newswriters' Association. We believe he'll do a conscientious job of fish commissioning and we are sure that Bellefonte and Centre county's interests will be well taken care of.

HANDS: We were considerably impressed on a rubberneck trip through the Hertz plant at Pittsburg recently, to come across a booth where all employees who actually handle food must undergo manueuvres to assure cleanliness. Being somewhat hand-conscious we've been doing a little observing around the stores, banks, restaurants and business places in Bellefonte and find that while none of them could, of course, afford to have manueuvre booths, many employees could afford to spend a little more time in keeping the hands cleaned, the fingernails clipped to something shorter than the talon stage, and otherwise to watch the appearance of the hands. We'd write more about this but we've just discovered that people in glass houses shouldn't throw stones.

ODDITY: Remember how all of us quaked and shivered when Paris had its first air-raid alarm, when planes were reported to be flying over Holland in a northwesterly direction—back in September 1939. It seemed impossible then that the world we knew could be on the verge of breaking forth into war before our eyes. Yet, Sunday, we Americans heard of the Japanese attacks on our own possessions with a very different feeling. There seemed to be practically no fear—it was all anger.

F. D. R.: Let's get it on the record that a number of persons who never voted for Roosevelt for President have been admitting since Sunday that they're glad Roosevelt is in the White House. He's reasoned and weighed 160 pounds.

Kills 22-Point Buck: J. A. Duggan of Sayre, killed the banner buck so far this season with a 22-point rack of horns and which weighed 160 pounds.

Has Car Wedged In Path of Train

Clinton County Man Rescued From Perilous Position by Police

When Lock Haven Police Headquarters received a call shortly before 1 o'clock Friday morning to investigate a disturbance, a cruiser car was sent to a spot where Fallon alley crosses the P. R. R. tracks. The complaint was made that a man was sitting in an automobile there, racing the engine and keeping the neighborhood awake.

When the cruiser car and two officers arrived on the scene they found Ralph W. Gower, of Lockport sitting in his automobile which had become wedged between the east-bound rail and the railroad "Stop, Look and Listen" sign. Gower was racing his motor in futile attempts to extricate the car from its precarious position.

The eastbound passenger train 580 was overdue at the time and the automobile was placed so that it was directly in the train's path.

The officers took the wheel and got the car out easily a few minutes before the train came along. Then they took Gower to the city jail on a charge of driving an automobile while under the influence of intoxicating liquor.

TO RETIRE



Milton S. McDowell, for 30 years director of agricultural extension at the Pennsylvania State College and one of the best known figures in the agricultural life of Pennsylvania, will retire on January 1.

In announcing Mr. McDowell's retirement in accordance with its policies, the Board of Trustees has designated him professor emeritus of agricultural extension. His retirement signifies the completion of a long career devoted to bringing the findings of the Agricultural Experiment Station to the farmers of the state.

A graduate of the Pennsylvania State College in the class of 1892, the retiring director spent his whole professional career, with the exception of five years, as a member of the college staff. He was associated with the American Phosphate and Chemical Company of Baltimore as chemist from 1892 to 1894; with the North Carolina Experiment Station at Raleigh, N. C. from 1894 to 1895; and with the Elk Tanning Company of Ridgway from 1895 to 1898. In the interim between his association with the North Carolina Experiment Station and the Elk Tanning Company, he returned to the Pennsylvania State College as an assistant chemist while working for his master's degree.

The agricultural extension program in Pennsylvania is largely a tribute to his organizational and administrative abilities. When he was appointed assistant professor of agricultural extension in 1910, there were only two members of this department. Mr. McDowell and Director Alva Agee.

The growth of the program was largely aided by the provision of federal funds for this purpose in 1914 under the Smith Lever Law and by later supplementary legislation. Its development in Pennsylvania has paralleled the development in other states as additional federal and state funds have become available for demonstration work in agriculture and home economics. From the beginning, the work has been conducted co-operatively with the U. S. Department of Agriculture through county agricultural extension associations.

At the present time the work is carried forward in all but one of the 67 counties of the state under the supervision of a county extension representative, who is aided in some instances by an assistant county extension representative, and in practically every instance by a county representative in home economics. These services in the several counties are supplemented by those of subject-matter specialists who have their headquarters at the college but who travel to the several counties to carry out their part of the program.

Slayer's Heirs Seek Insurance

May Be Unable to Collect Because Insured Was Executed by State

The heirs of Herman Pettrillo, kingpin in Philadelphia's bizarre racket-for-insurance ring, who died in the electric chair at Rockview recently, may not be able to collect the relatively small \$600 insurance on his own life.

Pettrillo died for the slaying of Rafael Caruso to obtain a \$15,500 insurance. "The insurance company opposed payment of the insurance, on grounds that the two policies are legally unenforceable because of Pettrillo's execution."

Pettrillo's widow and sister, Dolores Pettrillo, meanwhile, both claimed the insurance. The policy originally was made out to Mrs. Pettrillo, but was changed in favor of the sister three days before the electrocution because, Pettrillo said at that time, his wife's whereabouts were unknown for two years.

Bellwood Man Is Highway Victim

Fatally Injured as He Stepped in Path of Hunters' Car

Charles Renney, 41, of Bellwood, was fatally injured early Saturday morning as he stepped in the path of an automobile laden with Altoona hunters on route 229, just west of the Bellwood intersection.

The only witnesses to the accident were the motorists. J. L. Faust, driver of the car, claims he failed to see Renney until he suddenly loomed before the front of the car. The party were enroute home after a hunting trip in the Renovo area.

Renney was taken to the Altoona hospital by William H. Palmer who had been following the Faust car. The victim expired about an hour after reaching the institution. His injuries consisted of a fractured skull and fractures of both legs.

Charles Renney was born at Greenwood on September 8, 1900, a son of James E. and Mae (Green) Renney. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Violet Renney; two sons and one daughter, James E., of Bellwood, and Charles W., in the United States army, and Mrs. Evelyn Leap, of McKees Rocks, and one sister, Mrs. Margaret Wahl, also of McKees Rocks.

Hunter Dies Of Heart Attack

H. E. Probst Stricken as He Stands 'On Watch' Near Booneville

Horace E. Probst, 62, well known Lock Haven resident and a brother of Mrs. E. H. Garbrick of State College, died of a heart attack while hunting in the woods near Booneville.

Mr. Probst was stricken Saturday shortly after the dinner hour while on a watch with a hunting party in the woods near Booneville. When the men on the drive came back to Mr. Probst's post they found him dead.

Clinton County Coroner Dr. Shoemaker, called to the scene, expressed it as his opinion that Mr. Probst's heart ailment was aggravated by a walk up a hill to his position on the watch and that death came from this exertion.

Born in Swedeside, he was a cigar manufacturer by profession, but for the past 25 years had been in the wholesale candy business in Lock Haven and has recently been operating the Allegheny Creamery.

Surviving him are his wife and four sisters, Mrs. John Brownlee, Mrs. J. B. Bryerton and Mrs. Dewey Kunes of Lock Haven, and Mrs. E. H. Garbrick, of State College.

Services were held Tuesday afternoon with the Rev. Homer W. Heisley officiating. Burial was made in Highland cemetery.

Add Similes: As simple as a guy who believes a Hitler communique.

Flier Lands After Losing Propellor

Sustains Only Minor Injuries in Bringing Down Crippled Plane

Loss of a propellor in midair is naturally discouraging to a new flier, but Paul Witherow overcame the obstacle last Thursday afternoon at Stultz airport, Tipton, only at the expense of a minor scratch and a disabled plane.

Taking off alone in an airport-owned trainer biplane for a practice flight Witherow, 24, gained an altitude near 300 feet, over the field when the propellor fell off. A licensed pilot of only several months, the youth assembled his wits and maneuvered the ship back to a bumpy landing, barely missing a nearby house and utility wires.

The plane's landing gear was knocked off and the lower wing damaged. Witherow, who sustained burnt burns of the right arm and a mouth cut, said a kinkpin on the propellor shaft had sheared off.

Local Woman In Crash at College

Damage totaling about \$265 resulted last Thursday afternoon when cars driven by Charles Baldi of Delta Epsilon fraternity, State College, and Miss Margaret Brockerhoff, of Bellefonte, met at the corner of College avenue and Burrows street.

Damage to the Brockerhoff car was palced at \$150, and to the Baldi car, \$65. A sedan driven by H. H. Nearing, of Patton, was damaged about \$50 when it was struck by the Brockerhoff machine in the accident.

To Select Mine Foreman

A special examination will be held for Second Grade Mine Foreman and Second Grade Assistant Mine Foreman throughout the Bituminous Division on December 16, 1941. The examination in the 8th District will be held in Moose Hall, Houtzdale. Please notify the inspector, W. G. Knapper, Phillipsburg, of your intention to take this examination, upon receipt of which notice you will be supplied with a qualification blank.

Huntingdon Youth Shot

An old Remington army rifle with no safety caused the Huntingdon area to have its second hunting accident of the season last week. Roy Harbaugh, Jr., 23, of Calvin, received a bullet through his hip when his hunting companion, Raymond D. Prough, tripped and fell over a log. As he fell his rifle discharged wounding his companion, who was rushed to the Huntingdon hospital.

Contracts Awarded

The Woolrich Woolen Mills has been awarded the following contracts for manufacture at its Jersey City, N. J. plant: mitts, shirts and pants, \$2,280 and \$4,356. Delivery dates were not given.

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