

Odd and CURIOUS in the NEWS

TIRE PRICES ZOOM Since rubber rationing has gone into effect the price of tires has really skyrocketed in Columbus, Ohio.

GLASS FOR DIAMOND A well-dressed young man, after examining a number of engagement rings in a Baltimore jewelry store, left to bring back "the girl" before making his final selection.

COFFEE POT TEETH A 45-year-old U. S. sailor on shore patrol duty in Boston, has claimed the world's most unusual set of teeth.

HOW ABOUT THIS? Brought into court after a minor collision, police learned that George Johnson, 82, of Fort Jeris, N. E., had been driving an automobile for 31 years without ever having gotten a driver's license.

GOOD WATCH While removing concrete forms from the Bunker Hill mine, Walter Sken of Kellogg, Iowa found a watch imbedded in one of the forms.

DOG PATRIOT Doxy, the German dachshund, belonging to Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Hunt, of Griffin, Ga., has put up with enough to make any dog mad, with people calling him "Hitler" and making other unkind remarks.

DREAM MISCARRIAGES R. D. Byrd of Albuquerque, dreamed that he was kicking a Japanese soldier. Instead of hitting the soldier, his foot hit the bedpost.

STATE COLLEGE WOMAN INJURED IN COLLISION Mrs. Eva Rhoades, of East College avenue, State College, suffered lacerations and contusions of the scalp and bruises of the body last Thursday morning in a motor car accident at State College.

Burned by Explosion While preparing a dinner in honor of her husband's 72nd birthday anniversary Mrs. Daniel Eckerd, of Berwick, narrowly escaped serious injuries when gas in the oven of the gas range exploded.

\$2,500 Galeton Fire Fire of undetermined origin recently damaged the residence of Mrs. Edna Purben, School street, to the extent of \$2,500.

Battleship Alabama 'Launched' Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox hailed the launching of the 35,000-ton battleship Alabama at Portsmouth, Monday—nine months ahead of schedule—as the end of the "defense area" and the beginning of a "war era."

To Abandon Police Sub-station The Philadelphia substitution of the Pennsylvania Motor Police, in operation for over 20 years, will be abandoned February 28 and the six members of the substitution are expected to be transferred to other stations in Pennsylvania, it was reported yesterday.

\$100 Gift From Ghost Town A \$100 check from a ghost town, practically dead more than 20 years was received by the chairman of the Cameron county Red Cross chapter at Emporium last week.

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Japs Capture Singapore as Mighty British Fortress Surrenders to Yellow Foe

Triumphant Nipponese Hail Conquest as Placing All Eastern Empire Within Grasp of Tokyo's Advancing Armies

The mighty British bastion of Singapore fell to triumphant Japanese forces Sunday. Army headquarters in Malaya announced the resistance of Singapore's defenders ended in unconditional surrender at 7 p. m. (6 a. m. Centre county time), thus marking a smashing ten-week drive down the Malay Peninsula.

Minister Hurt In Car Crash

Victim Treated at Philipsburg Sanitarium For Back Injury

C. D. Collins, 59, Brisban minister, was injured Sunday morning near Point Lookout when a trailer truck owned by William Walter Daugherty, 19, of Woodland, crashed into his car.

PRR Clerk Is Killed by Auto

Altoona Man Victim of Accident on Sixty-Fifth Birthday

David W. Hostetler, of Juniata, a clerk in the P. R. B. shops, was struck and fatally injured last Thursday night as he was walking from the Twelfth street foot bridge across the intersection to the southwest corner. He was believed to be enroute to a meeting.

Not Room Enough for Both of Us



OLD LAND DISPUTE SETTLED

On Monday, February 2, 1942, a land dispute of many years standing was finally settled in the Common Pleas Court of Centre county by the entry of judgment in favor of the Commonwealth Trust Company, of Harrisburg, trustee for the James A. Beaver Estate and George F. Hess, of Beech Creek, and against the heirs of David McCloskey, deceased.

Gubernatorial Campaign Foreshadows Three-Way Fight For Both Parties

Senator Davis' Hat In Ring for Republican Nomination; Dr. Luther A. Harr, Democrat, Backed by State Chairman Meyers

Senator James J. Davis, veteran Republican campaigner, became the first major candidate for the governor's chair to make a formal entry into the May 19 primary race.

Townships Share In Motor Fund

Centre County Districts Will Receive \$11,160 About March 1

Centre county will receive \$11,160.24 around March 1 from the motor fund. Requisitions have been prepared by the Department of Highways for this payment which will be the first quarterly installment during 1942 of an appropriation made last year by the General Assembly which gave \$5,500,000 to the second class townships for the years 1942 and 1943.

Wheat Growers to Vote on Quota

Pennsylvania wheat growers, together with wheat farmers throughout the nation, will again, this year, vote on wheat marketing quotas for the second successive year. According to information received by the Centre County Agricultural Conservation Committee, Secretary of Agriculture Claude R. Wickard has set Saturday, May 2, 1942, as the date for the wheat referendum.

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The average Statewide farm price received by farmers for wheat was 57 cents per bushel. For the 1941 crop, the average statewide farm price is \$1.06 per bushel. These farm prices for 1941 crop have ranged from 96 cents as of July 15, 1941, to \$1.15 as of January 15, 1942. This sustained favorable price over the '41 crop season period, it is further pointed out, has meant that Pennsylvania's 1941 wheat crop of 16,897,000 bushels of wheat has had an increased value to Pennsylvania wheat growers of \$2,278,530 more than would have been the case had the average statewide price of 57 cents for the 1932 crop prevailed during the past season.

Celebrate Their 50th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. George Peter, of Beech Creek, Married For Half Century

Mr. and Mrs. George Peter quietly celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary Wednesday, Feb. 11, at their home on Maple avenue, Beech Creek borough. They were married Feb. 11, 1892, by the late Rev. M. S. Blair at the latter's home on Water street, which was in the Charles Jones property.

Flour Mill Burns Near Lewisburg

Owner and Son Injured In Attempting to Escape From Building

Fire, aided by a slight wind, swept through the J. D. Johnson flour mill, located six miles west of Lewisburg, at Cowan, Thursday afternoon, resulting in \$35,000 damages and injuries to Mr. Johnson and his son, F. Eugene.

Potato Growers To Meet Here

State College Extension Plant Pathologist to Conduct Discussion

The Centre County Potato Growers Association, according to President Charles Campbell of Penna. Furnace, are planning to hold their annual meeting in Bellefonte next Monday afternoon, February 23. The meeting will be held in the Post-office building, Bellefonte, starting at 1:30 p. m.

Four Injured In Auto Crash

Occupants of Two Cars Taken to Hospital After Accident on Route 220

Four persons were severely injured in an accident early Sunday evening on Route 220, two miles east of Lock Haven, in an accident attributed to the slippery condition of the highway.

Two in County Get Premiums

Auditor General F. Clair Ross on Monday approved payment of \$18,116 in premium awards to winning exhibitors of livestock in the 1942 Pennsylvania Farm Show. Sheep awards to Centre countians were as follows: (Shropshire) E. H. Dale, State College, \$28; (fat sheep) William Hess, Boalsburg, \$2.

Losses Four Fingers

Clifford Noll, 15, of Beaverton, is a patient at the Mary M. Packer Hospital, Sunbury, where amputation of four fingers was necessary. The boy, an orphan, caught the fingers in a soy bean chopping machine on a farm where he is employed, while he was preparing food for cattle.

Random Items

FOUND DEPARTMENT: Our Senator, Al Letzler, isn't lost after all. He came out from wherever he's been last week to announce that he is a candidate for re-election. Centre county's governmental representatives are a rather good lot. On one hand we have Congressman Jimmy VanZandt and Assemblyman Kenneth G. Haines, who never miss an occasion for publicity. On the other hand we have Mr. Letzler whose light is practically always hidden under a bushel.

TEACHERS' PAY: When you stop to think of it, teachers are poorly paid in many instances. They have to spend thousands of dollars on an education to prepare themselves for jobs which often don't pay any more than a job requiring only a pick, shovel, and a strong back. They have a rather high station in life to maintain. They must be active in school and community affairs, must dress well, and should be free of financial worries to do their work properly. How some of the poorer-paid Bellefonte teachers can keep the butcher, baker, etc. placed in the face of present increases in living costs is a tribute to their knack of financial management.

WHISKERS: Last Thursday a somewhat familiar figure wearing a full and complete set of beard and mustache entered this office, tossed down a nickel and asked for a paper. We passed the time of day with him, and finally being unable to bear the uncertainty of any longer, asked him his name. "I'm John Speed," came a voice from the beard. Our old friend John Speed, and we didn't know him! John explained that the beard keeps his face warm, wards off possible attacks of quinsy. "If I could just grow a beard on my hands and feet, I'd be a happy man," he muttered as he opened the door and faced a bitter February wind.

WARNING: To toothpick chompers: If you're one of those kindly souls who enjoy chewing on a toothpick after a good meal, read this paragraph on the harrowing experience of a fellow chomper. This young man, well known throughout the county, fell into and went to a physician. As a result of the examination he was sent to the Centre County Hospital where an operation revealed a silver toothpick in an intestine. He was recuperating from the operation when an abscess developed on one hip. When the abscess opened and drained a "reunion of toothpick about three-fourths of an inch long was removed from the wound. Physicians believe that all the excess wood has been removed from his system and that he'll be all right from now on.

BOOM: Republican leaders are reported to be urging the return of General MacArthur from the Philippines to be groomed for the Presidency in 1943. Nero also fiddled while Rome burned. If Republican leaders are too dull to realize that the only important thing to be done today is to win the war, they're not fit to pick Presidential candidates. What great catastrophe must happen before some of us waken to the realization we're smack in the middle of the biggest war the world has ever known?

GRAND IDEA: We like the system adopted by two Cambria county school districts whereby pupils of the public school receive one hour of religious instruction each week on school time in churches or Sunday schools of their own choosing, and we appreciate the Rev. Father Palffy's interest in carrying it to our attention. We hope all of you turn to another page of this issue and read what has been done in Cambria county. (Continued on Page Three)

