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VICTORY FRANK Arthur Steinman of Bellflower, Calif., was pretty sore when neighborhood youngsters splattered the outside of his filling station with tomatoes last Halloween...

4-FOOTED SCRAP Central Oregon's scrap rubber drive has yielded 250,000 pounds of rubber—and several chipmunks. The chipmunks had their nest in an old tire casing, and weren't discovered until the service station attendant already had paid a penny a pound for them.

PERFECTLY SAFE Sailor Joseph Florelli who arrived at Denver, lost \$150, but he knows right where it is. It is in his wallet. His wallet is in his spare pants. The spare pants are in a locker aboard the aircraft carrier Lexington.

THREE POINT LANDING The stork swooped down last week to the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Triplett at Rawlins, Wyoming. He left triplets.

Takes Home With Him A turtle carries his home on his back, and Gullford Freeman, manager for 18 years of the Western Union Telegraph office at Berwick, proposes to take his home with him as he leaves to take a position with the War Production Board at Washington.

Loganton Home Damaged by Fire Dwelling and Seven Smaller Buildings Destroyed on Matter Farm

Sugar Valley had its most destructive fire since the memorable one of 1918, when on Friday flames of unknown origin destroyed the two-story house and seven other buildings on the Roland Matter farm, three quarters of a mile east of Loganton.

Lad Killed By Auto Robert Sheehan, four, of Robertsville, died Wednesday morning, June 17, as a result of injuries sustained when struck by an automobile while crossing the state highway at 7:45 o'clock Tuesday night.

Higher Relief Grants Governor James announced last week that relief allowances will be increased in all categories, effective Aug. 1 to meet the higher costs of living.

Walkout at Piper Plant Production was halted Monday by a walkout of employees at the plant of the Piper Aircraft Corporation at Lock Haven, manufacturers of light planes for training of civilian pilots.

Warn Against Shooting When a Centre Hills Country Club worker narrowly escaped injury from a stray bullet, Friday, State College borough police issued a warning against the shooting of firearms in that borough.

Named Insurance Co. Director Centre County Assemblyman Kenneth G. Haines, of Berbersburg and Bellefonte, Friday was informed of his election as a director of the Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Anville.

Warehouses Bulging With Sugar The Imperial Sugar Refinery near Houston, Texas, one of the nation's major refiners, has so much sugar in its warehouses it has closed and probably will not open until July 6, M. G. Thompson, vice-president and general manager, reported.

Lays Crime to His Tax Bill Appearing for sentence on a charge of aiding an attempted jail break, Fritz Dukemont testified in court at Chambersburg Saturday that he sold a broken hack-saw blade to a prisoner in jail, as a means of earning money to pay his income tax.

Sets Record as Youngest Motorist What is believed to be a record for a beginning age at driving a car was set at Renovo by the two-and-one-half-year-old son of Dr. John M. Dwyer.

Osceola Mills Youth Is Drowned as Boat Overturns On Black Moshannon Dam

Two Companions Reach Shore Safely; Body of Victim Recovered After Four-Hour Search By Philipsburg Firemen

Black Moshannon Park dam had its first tragedy of the season on Sunday when Victor Yastro, 14, of Osceola Mills, was drowned about 12:30 o'clock after the boat occupied by himself and three comrades Osceola Mills tipped over, dumping them into the dam.

Yastro was reported to have been on a fishing trip with Raymond Hughes, 30; Clayton Myers, 16, and Ben Walstrom, 14, all of Osceola Mills, when the accident occurred.

Motor police said Yastro was clinging to Hughes' back trying to reach the boat after they were spilled into the water but was unable to cling to his precarious perch long enough to reach safety, and sank to the bottom despite the frantic efforts of Hughes to retrieve the lad, who could not swim.

Myers, thrown a considerable distance from the boat as it was tipped, was a good swimmer and went to shore to get help for the others.

Walstrom, a short distance from the boat but not a good swimmer was fortunate enough to reach safety. Myers soon brought help, another boat putting out from shore and rescuing the three men.

Firemen from Philipsburg, Osceola and Tyrone, volunteered to go to the scene and after a four-hour search found the body of the missing lad.

Motor police reported that the lad's body was found by two Osceola Mills men, John Bushko and Fred Sidorick. The deceased is survived by his parents and by the following brothers and sisters: Mrs. Jennie Sidorick, Osceola Mills; Chester, Ft. Jackson, S. C.; Stanley, Seattle, Wash.; Sophia, New York City, and Walter and Francis at home.

Victor was born at Osceola Mills on December 7, 1928. He was a member of the St. Joseph's Polish Catholic church.

Funeral services were held Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock at the church in charge of the Rev. Thaddeus Napieralski, of Houtzdale. Burial was made in the church cemetery.

Execution Postponed Governor James postponed the execution of Walter Blanchard, Philadelphia Negro, from June 23 until September 28 to permit reargument in the state supreme court of his appeal for a new trial.

Lock Haven firemen played a great part in extinguishing the conflagration Friday, just as they did back in 1918, saving the large barn and its contents from destruction.

When the fire broke out in the woodshed about 4 o'clock, Mr. Matter was in the house, but he knew nothing of the blaze until he heard a roaring in its partitions. Going outside, he saw the flames and realized it was too late to save the house.

Neighbors were summoned. The men got busy with buckets, but could not keep the flames from spreading to the other buildings nearby. Before the house was entirely destroyed, most of the articles on the first floor were carried out into the yard.

When the 15 Lock Haven firemen arrived, three small fires were burning in the straw mow and on the roof of the barn, but these were extinguished and the building with it.

Injured by Horse Mrs. Vile Avery, of Monroeton, farmer's wife, was admitted to the Tioga County General Hospital at Towanda, for treatment of injuries received as she was letting the cows into the farmyard.

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Where Are You Going This Summer?

Uncle Sam's Tours. Alaska The Summer Rendezvous. Parties Leaving Weekly to Australia. Stopping Privileges in Ireland. Jeep Tours Through Italy. Where to Go? Ocean Voyages. Combination Tour via Airplanes, Ships, Tanks, Jeeps and Hikes through Germany.

HOW TO HARNESS A HORSE

Harnessing a horse is virtually a lost art—but one which may have to be reclaimed a lot faster than the nation's old aluminum pots and pans. Noting the increasing difficulties of personal automotive transportation, the safety education department of the Aetna Life Assured Companies has compiled old records and has issued, in the lighter vein, the following instructive bulletin:

A TALE OF OLD TUSSEY

(As told to Henry W. Shoemaker and published in the Altoona Tribune.) It was on a bright afternoon late in the fall of 18— that two hinds along the foothills on the west side of Old Tussey, with their hounds hoping to pick up a fox trail, when all of a sudden the dogs gave tongue and started for the Falls of Clover creek, then after making a large circle, Mr. Renard made a dash for the hollow. That dark and rugged glen, where once I met the Deer-slayer of Old Tussey and heard those wonderful tales related in another story. Up through the Green-briar thickets over the rocks and through the run, the fox led the dogs to the base of that high pinnacle of rocks near the head of the hollow. Here he took to cover, in a deep crevice beneath the rocks and

Mother and Child Die In Unusual Accident When Pot Boils Over On Gas Range

Young Wife and Infant Son Found Lying On Davenport in Livingroom of Home; Husband Recovers After Being Overcome

A sad and unusual tragedy occurred at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul G. Burgard, Montoursville, Lycoming county, last Wednesday evening when Mrs. Burgard, 22, and her nine-month-old son, Paul Leroy, were found lifeless on the davenport in the living room about 7:40 o'clock.

Paul G. Burgard, 26, the husband, seated in a chair in the same room, was unconscious when discovered and was rushed to the Williamsport Hospital. He was placed under an oxygen tent immediately and regained consciousness on Thursday morning.

An investigation at the home showed that boiling water in a large kettle seeped over the sides of the kettle into the burning gas stove jet, causing a mixture of steam and carbon monoxide.

Although there was no evidence of an explosion, a portion of the plaster from the ceiling had fallen to the floor in the room. This is presumed to have been caused by the steam and the moisture.

Mr. and Mrs. Burgard and the baby, lying in his mother's arms, were found in the living room of their home by Mrs. Burgard's brother, George Stryker, 18. He immediately summoned Robert D. Vanhorn, who lives next door, and they entered the home.

It was reported that the pilot light on the gas stove still was burning, where Mrs. Burgard had been changing in the kitchen in the rear portion of the house.

Mrs. Burgard is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Stryker, Montoursville R. D. 3. She also is survived by the following brothers and sisters: Mrs. Curtis R. Rakestraw and Mrs. Carl S. Usnar, of Montoursville; Miss Doris Stryker, Harvey, George, Clifford, Robert and Frederick, at home.

Bees Take Over Car With many American cars and Foundry Company workers who park their automobiles along the streets, reporting thefts from time to time, a worker who parked his coupe on Columbia avenue, Berwick, allowing the window to remain slightly open, was on the receiving end, as a swarm of bees took possession of his car.

Oil Stove Blows Up, Causing Fire Home, Workshop and Two Garages Destroyed at Flemington

Fire resulting from the explosion of a kerosene stove in a workshop at the rear of the Lester Wellers home at Flemington about 1 o'clock last Thursday afternoon resulted in the destruction of the shop, a part of the house and two garages.

Mr. Wellers, who was eating dinner with his wife, their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Smith, said the stove exploded. His hair was singed as he tried to put out the fire. Explosions of oil stoves added to the blaze.

The fire swept through the one-and-a-half story house so fast that little furniture was saved. Only the frame of the house was left. Mr. Wellers managed to move a car and two trucks from the shop at the rear of the house.

The Flemington firemen and the Citizens Hose Company of Lock Haven responded to the fire alarm and the blaze was under control by 1:40 p. m.

Will Do War Work The West Branch Novelty Company of Milton, has concluded arrangements for the purchase of a garage property here, and will add to its former manufacturing of cedar chests, the making of wood aircraft parts under a new process which will mean a large savings of aluminum and other raw materials, a reduction in expense, and also a reduction in weight of airplanes.

Man Fatally Injured Maurice W. Penley, Jr., 42, died in the Renovo hospital of injuries received when he fell from the rear porch of a hotel. He had eaten at the hotel, and a short time after leaving by the rear door, he was found lying on his back on St. Clair avenue, bleeding profusely.

Falls From Barley Load Elmer Kline, 70, of near Orangeville, is a patient in the Bloomsburg Hospital, suffering from a fracture of the wrist, laceration of the scalp, teeth knocked out or loosened and a possible fracture of the scalp. He was injured in a 15-foot fall from a load of barley.

Receive Ship Model A ten-foot ship model of a 400-foot tanker from one of the large shipbuilders has just been received at the Pennsylvania State College for use in an Engineering, Science, and Management Defense Training course in ship construction and hull drafting.

Rev. J. S. Colledge Dies at Bellwood

Well Known United Brethren Minister Succumbs to Ill Health

Rev. John C. Colledge, pastor of Bellwood United Brethren church for the past 12 months and a former pastor of the First United Brethren church of Tyrone, died at the United Brethren parsonage, Bellwood, Wednesday night of last week. Rev. Colledge had been in failing health for some time but had only been bedfast for the past week. Death is attributed to a heart condition.

Rev. Colledge was born at Greensburg, October 16, 1874. On September 18, 1893, at Cumberland, Md., he was united in marriage with Martha Penwick.

He is survived by his wife; two grandsons, John G. Colledge and Ellsworth Blanchard, both of Tyrone; three grandchildren; a daughter-in-law, Mrs. Minnie Colledge, who made her home with Rev. and Mrs. Colledge; and a brother, William Colledge, of Browns Mills, N. J. Four children preceded him to the grave.

Rev. Colledge was baptized in the First Presbyterian church at Greensburg. (Continued on Page 24)

Boys Find Rubber 'Mine' In River

Lock Haven Youths Fish Out 80 Tires From River Bed

With rubber at a premium and its scarcity increasing, two Lock Haven youths struck a proverbial 'rubber mine' last week. The boys, George Seybold and Charles Geyer, two 16-year-olds, while boating on the river, discovered a hole which according to Saturday's Lock Haven Express yielded 80 old tires up to that time. They claim they can get about 80 more.

The boys are credited with using a "feet" of three boats on their salvaging expedition, and bringing the tires to the surface by means of hooks.

There is no explanation as to how the tires lodged in one spot except the opinion expressed by a service station operator that they might have been washed in the 1936 flood to that point where they sank in a hole near the bend in the river's course.

Other boys have joined in the rubber 'hunt' which promises to net them plenty of spending money. On the cent a pound basis, the boys are realizing a nice profit. If Seybold and Geyer had a record at the garage. (Continued on Page 24)

Find Enough Loot To Stock a Store

Arrest of Altoona Man Brings to Light 250 Itemized Articles

Roy Conrad Lantz, 39, of Altoona, arrested last week on a suspicion of larceny, was found to have loot stored in his garage, police say, of sufficient quantity to stock a fair-sized store.

Two city trucks were required to haul the 250 itemized articles from the building where they are alleged to have been cached by Lantz.

Such articles as automobile batteries, tools, soap, flashlights, toilet sets, paints, powders, electrical parts, shoes, clothing, and innumerable other things were discovered hidden in the large garage.

After the stuff was taken to city hall by trucks, representatives of Sheriff-Williams Co., Montgomery Ward, Young Men's Shop, Sears Roebuck, and Grant stores, identified the articles as being taken from their respective establishments.

When arrested Lantz had in his possession \$518 in cash along with several rings and watches that were not included in the cache at the garage. Police said Lantz had a record at the garage. (Continued on Page 24)

New Gas Cards To Be Delayed

Permanent Rationing Plan Will Not Go Into Effect Until July 22

The start of permanent gasoline rationing in the East has been postponed from July 15 to July 22 in order to give motorists an extra week in which to organize car pooling clubs. The registration of car owners for new rationing cards also was delayed a week. The basic "A" books will be issued July 9, 10 and 11, instead of July 1, 2 and 3, as originally announced.

Intimate Inside Story of Philippine Campaign

Highest praise for the skill as well as the courage of the men of Bataan is voiced by Lieut.-Col. Warren J. Clear, of the Army General Staff, in his eye-witness report on the Battle of the Philippines, just released. Col. Clear was among the last to leave Corregidor before the surrender. Ordered to take out the Army's confidential documents, he escaped by submarine and is now in Washington. His story is a special 14-page feature in the July issue of The Reader's Digest.

The secret of how American gunners on Corregidor caught a group of enemy batteries in an artillery trap and wiped out 800 Japs is one of the highlights of his narrative. The trap was sprung when the Japs mounted guns on the Southern Peninsula of Luzon, across the bay from Corregidor. Far-sighted American Coast Artillery officers had plotted and calibrated this area long before war broke out with just such an enemy urgency in mind. "We had those Japs just as surely as if they had been ten feet from our guns," says Col. Clear.



"Write 'Em a Letter" (This is the first of a series of 13 cartoons, one a week, sponsored for publication in The Centre Democrat by the Bellefonte Lodge of Elks.)