

Odd and CURIOUS in the NEWS

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KINDNESS REWARDED

Thirty-six years ago, J. A. Becker and his family of Springfield, Ohio, gave shelter and food to David Stockschlager, his wife and seven children who were traveling in a wagon from New York to California.

A COLD NIGHT

Genevieve Ralston, Negro kitchen attendant at Erlanger hospital, Chattanooga, Tenn., was accidentally trapped in the cold storage compartment of the hospital and was found by the hospital chef the next morning.

EMBARRASSED

A practice air-raid blackout at Bradford embarrassed two young women carrying several bottles of beer down a street. When the sirens sounded, a special policeman hastily escorted them to the nearest air-raid shelter.

CALLS FOR HELP

When Mrs. J. B. Hargrave, of Ardmore, Okla., an invalid in her eighties, fell from her invalid's chair, her cries for help were too feeble to be heard by neighbors.

UNHANDY MAN

Mrs. R. O. Bornhouser, Paris, Mo., drove her car into a service station, enlisted aid of the attendant in opening his locked trunk. The attendant finally managed to open the lid—and out crawled Mr. Bornhouser.

DESPERATE

Mr. Brown is anxious for tires, it seems, judging from the sign which appeared in a drug store window at Tazewell, Mississippi. "Brown wants four new tires, will pay \$400 cash, free mortgage on store and will throw in small farm in Main with two ducks, one hen and seven roosters."

Keep Old Gumshoes Till Later, They're Good for Trade-In

In donating your old rubber, be sure to keep an old pair of overshoes on hand, if you want to buy a new pair next winter.

This advice is given by an official who warns that rubber overshoes and galoshes, singly or in pairs, are not to be turned in as rubber scrap since a permanent exchange is shortly to be set up whereby the old articles will have to be turned in when making the purchases of new ones.

For Victory: Buy Bonds

Picnickers Save Cub from Drowning

"Susie," 12-weeks-old cub bear, and as black as night, is a happy guest of the Loyalsock Game Refuge in Lycoming county—saved by a picnic.

A few weeks ago some Union county folks were enjoying an outing when they spotted a very wet and bedraggled bundle of fur floating down the swirling flood of Penna Creek. They put aside sandwiches and investigated—it was Susie.

The cub, more dead than alive, was pulled to shore and turned over to a game protector who in turn presented it to the Loyalsock refuge. Said Leo A. Luttringer, of the Game Commission: "I wish I had her at my house. She's as comical as they come and a lot more friendly than some other cubs I've seen."

Trap Hawk That Killed 71 Chickens

George Peters, of Phillipsburg, state dog law investigator, was called last week to investigate the killing of 71 White Leghorn chickens on a farm near Calvert, Lycoming county, as it was thought they might be killed by dogs.

Investigation disclosed the chickens were not killed by dogs and a

Farm Well Blessed With Twins

Twin calves, an extreme oddity in the animal kingdom, threaten to become a matter of course on the farm of Archie Weiler, of Swengel, Union county, with two pairs born eight days apart. The first twins arrived

Falling Chimney Injures Man Asleep In Bed at Home In Philipsburg Section

Badly Frightened Family Thought They Were Encountering an Air-Raid Bombing; Victim Buried Under Pile of Brick

A badly frightened family of Chester Hill, Philipsburg suburban town, had a harrowing experience Sunday night as a chimney caved in, injuring a man sleeping in bed and narrowly missing a sleeping baby.

The inside flue on the Snyder home caved in without apparent reason after 11 o'clock, bringing vibrations of an air raid bombing to the members of the household.

Falling Stone Slab Kills Man

Renovo Man Hit By Stone Which Dropped 60 Feet From Building

While walking past the Knights of Columbus building on his way home last Tuesday evening, Charles J. Hayes, of Renovo, was fatally injured when a 120-pound stone loosened from the coping craned to the pavement, striking Mr. Hayes on the left side of the skull.

Robbed For Second Time

The Clintonian, operated by Sid Bernstein, was robbed of money, liquor and cigarettes for the second time since June 6 when persons entered the Mill Hall business place last Wednesday night during the blackout. The value of the property was not definitely established.

Direct Relief Report

Direct relief funds distributed in Centre county during the week ending Friday totaled \$224.10, according to G. Harold Wagner, State Treasurer. This amount was paid to 158 cases. Last week, 161 cases received a total of \$641.60.

Injured by Cow

C. C. Book, of Walker township, near Millstown, is in the Lewistown Hospital in a serious condition, following injuries received when he was pinned against a stall by one of his cows.

On Guard



WHERE YOUR SCRAP RUBBER GOES

Everybody's rubber scrap is wanted for everybody's scrap. Which makes you wonder what makes what. The best way to find out is by weight.

THOUGHTS ON AN OLD BURIAL GROUND

(Written For The Centre Democrat) Across the road from where a Presbyterian church once stood at Centre Hill, east of Old Fort, Potter township, lies an old cemetery, apparently forgotten by many people.

have not already fallen before the onslaught of time. Only the most agile of the cemetery's descendants can scale the crumbling wall, covered with poison ivy, and land on top of the matted myrtle to view the crumbling remains of a once well-kept cemetery.

ther-beaten markers in this apparently neglected burying ground will find the names of many prominent citizens, which the following list will testify:

Francis Alexander, James Boozer, John Burnes, Francis Culbertson, Joseph Carson, Thomas Davis, John Gilbert, Robert Hewes, Charles Keller, Guy Irvin, John Lee, William Hester, James Barber, George Boal, John Breslin, William Eaken, Robert Gilliland, Thomas Huston, Samuel Krise, William Kerr, John Langewort, Andrew Gregg, great-grandson of Gen. James Potter, Walter Longwell, Thomas Lingle, Sarah Ann Love, Alexander McCoy, Robert McCormick, John McCormick, James McCormick, Thomas McElroy, Henry McEwen, Revolutionary War soldier; David McEwen, Revolutionary War

Grist Mill Burns During Blackout

Salladasburg Mill Was One of Largest in Pennsylvania

Fire destroyed the grist mill owned by Norman Stover at Salladasburg, last Wednesday morning under confusing circumstances.

The three-story structure was leveled to the ground as the blaze, origin of which is unknown, devoured it before the blacked-out community realized that the alarm was not an all-clear signal. The Lycoming county mill was one of the largest grist mills in Pennsylvania.

Dogs howling incessantly awakened residents in the upper end of the borough at 3 a. m. after the fire alarm was sounded.

With the mill too far gone to save, Salladasburg and Jersey Shore firemen battled to prevent the spread of flames to the home of A. J. McClarin and the blacksmith shop and garage owned by W. T. Thomas.

Loss was estimated at \$40,000, partly covered by insurance. The mill will be rebuilt provided materials can be obtained. It was stated today, it was the third time that fire has struck there.

The mill was built in 1890 by W. F. Thomas Company. It burned to the ground Sept. 11, 1925 and was rebuilt the next year by Paxton Thomas, Leroy Peterman, L. W. and L. C. Thomas, afterward sold to Norman Stover.

On June 13, 1941, fire caused by engine trouble did considerable damage. The town was completely blacked out all night in observance of the dusk-to-dawn dimout. Total darkness until daybreak was enforced by the fire which knocked the electric lights out of commission and left all but one of the town's telephones out of order.

How long the blaze had been in progress before discovered could not be determined. However, it had a head start on the firemen, who devoted a good part of their efforts to protection of the adjacent properties. Boy Scouts of Troop 43 were aided by the firemen for their services at the scene.

Sayre Youth Missing On the 21st birthday anniversary of Tony Roger Pletto, a third class aviator radioman in the U. S. Navy, his father received notice that he was "missing in action." The youth was educated in the Sayre schools, where he was a star athlete.

No "wise man" knows when the war will end.

Bridegroom of 5 Months, Killed

P. R. R. Brakeman Jolted From Train By Collision of Cars

A bridegroom of five months, Wallace B. Vipond, 19, a Middle Division brakeman, was instantly killed Friday morning when the jolt from a collision of cars knocked him beneath the wheels of a moving freight car just east of the Juniata scales, near Altoona.

Vipond was said to have been in charge of a draft of two cars which bumped two cars that preceded him and when the two cars following bumped into his he lost his hold and fell beneath the wheels which crushed him.

The victim was married January 23 to Miss Mardell Huston, of South Altoona. Although born at Pittsburgh, he was reared in the home of his paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. William Vipond, of Brush Mountain road, Hollidaysburg, R. D.

County Native Happy Though Blind, at 94

From last Wednesday's Lock Haven Express we copy the following writeup of an interesting event in the life of a Clintondale woman who is a native of Centre county:

Even though she has lost her sight almost entirely, Mrs. Mary Jane Allison Shilling of Clintondale, widow of Samuel F. Shilling, keeps busy with her hand work and her blind reader. Today she is observing her 94th birthday, making her one of the county's oldest residents.

The mother of two children, she has lived for some years with her son, Harry Shilling, of Clintondale, in which community she has resided since 1865. Her other child is Mrs. A. B. Holter, also of Clintondale.

Handicapped as she is, Mrs. Shilling maintains a cheerful attitude toward life in general, work being her solution. Despite failing sight, she does a lot of handwork, principally crocheting and braiding rugs, and when she runs out of material, she calls for more, so, as she says, she chews her nails or scratches her head when she isn't busy.

Mrs. Shilling's days are much alike. She gets up in the morning anytime between 8:30 and 10 o'clock and dresses herself. She gets ready for the day, her family reports. After breakfast she either crochets or "reads." Reading, to her,

Ickes Rolls Up White House Door

Mat for Salvage

As Secretary Ickes remarked at the White House that he thought a lot of rubber for the scrap collection could be found in public buildings, a reporter pointed out a heavy rubber mat in the entry to the executive office and suggested he take it with him.

Scooping over and with a bit of help from onlookers, Ickes rolled up the heavy mat, called his chauffeur and it was bundled into the front of an official limousine. The Secretary said it would be delivered to the nearest filling station.

"Why shouldn't he take it?" Stephen Early, the president's secretary, commented. "No one from the White House is going to try to reclaim it."

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Troy R. D. Girl Hurt Rita Woodruff, 14, of Troy R. D. 3, suffered multiple lacerations and bruises of the face and was brought to the Robert Packer Hospital for treatment. According to the report the girl was attempting to get into an automobile while it was going down grade and she slipped and fell to the ground.

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Two Women in Hospital After Automobile Upsets

A serious accident occurred Friday evening at 7:20 o'clock a mile east of the Phillipsburg Country Club, when a car driven by Mrs. Tessa Durante, 43, South Merchantville, N. J., skidded and upset. Mrs. William Hunt, 34, Lindenwald, N. J., a second occupant of the car was also seriously hurt. Both women were rushed to the Phillipsburg Hospital in the State College Alpha Fire Company ambulance which fortunately passed the scene as it was returning from Phillipsburg to the College town. Mrs. Durante suffered a possible fracture of the knee cap, possible fracture of the ribs, and bruises and abrasions. Mrs. Hunt suffered lacerations of the scalp and knee with other abrasions.

Son Born to Howard Couple

A son was born Wednesday of last week at the Lock Haven Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Mack Tressler of Howard, R. D. 2.

A politician's paradise is a campaign without opposition.

Three Truckloads of Slot Machines Seized In Raid On 23 Places in Blair Co.

Force of 71 State Police and County Officials Swoop Down on Elks, Moose, Eagles, V. F. W., and Poolrooms

Twenty-three business establishments and fraternal homes, including the Elks, Moose, Eagles, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and American Legion, were raided in Blair county Saturday night by a force of 71 State Police and county officials, netting three truckloads of slot machines, lottery tickets, baseball pool tickets, punch boards and other gambling paraphernalia.

The raid was one of the most widespread ever attempted in this section. Motor police were brought to Blair county to participate in the steps before being taken to the court house vaults for storage until action is taken by the court as to their disposal.

It was reported that the 17 men arrested would have information made against them through a justice of the peace. Hearings will be held soon for those held under bail.

The result of the raids could be seen Sunday afternoon lined up along the Blair county court house steps before being taken to the court house vaults for storage until action is taken by the court as to their disposal.

The places raided included the following: Elks Club, nine machines; Miller's Pool Room, one punchboard; Roxy Billiard parlor, one machine; Eagles Club, nine five-cent machines, one 10-cent machine; Veterans of Foreign Wars, four 5-cent machines, one 10-cent machine, one 25-cent machine; American Legion, seven 5-cent machines, one 10-cent machine; Roy Stoltz pool room, two 5-cent machines; LaPink Restaurant, Duncansville, one 5-cent machine; Diamond Lunch, Hollidaysburg, one 5-cent machine, one punchboard; M. Jacobs store, one 5-cent machine; Empire lottery tickets and payoff sheets; Williams & Gossard cigar store, one machine; Stoltz news and pool room, one machine, pool tickets, tally cards; Red's pool room, one 5-cent machine, three punchboards, treasury and baseball tickets; Smith's Restaurant, Juniata, two 5-cent machines; Strough & Blumfield restaurant, Juniata, two 5-cent machines.

Attempting to cash a check at the Brown Boot Shop in Phillipsburg last week led to the arrest of Elmot Harry Watson by Chief of Police N. R. Lamoreaux. After learning of Watson being wanted in Lock Haven for having successfully passed five worthless checks, Chief Lamoreaux promptly turned his prisoner over to Clinton county authorities.

Officials stated that Watson was a parole violator of the Pennsylvania Industrial School at Camp Hill where he had served time for passing worthless checks before. Watson is charged with passing five worthless checks in Lock Haven on June 5 and 6. One was on the Irwin Hotel, another on the Fallon Hotel, and others were on the Hub Clothing store, Marshall Clothing store, and Browns Boot Shop. Total amount of the five checks was \$40.

Twins Wed Far Apart Miss Aberdeen Mims Rowe, of Selinsgrove, became the bride of Paul Frederick Samsman, Northumberland, at 7 o'clock Monday evening, June 27, in St. Paul's Evangelical church. Reformed church, Selinsgrove, while the bride's twin sister, Miss Ernestine Mims Rowe and Private John Albert Samsman, brother of the bridegroom were married at 7 o'clock, Pacific Coast time, at San Diego, Calif.

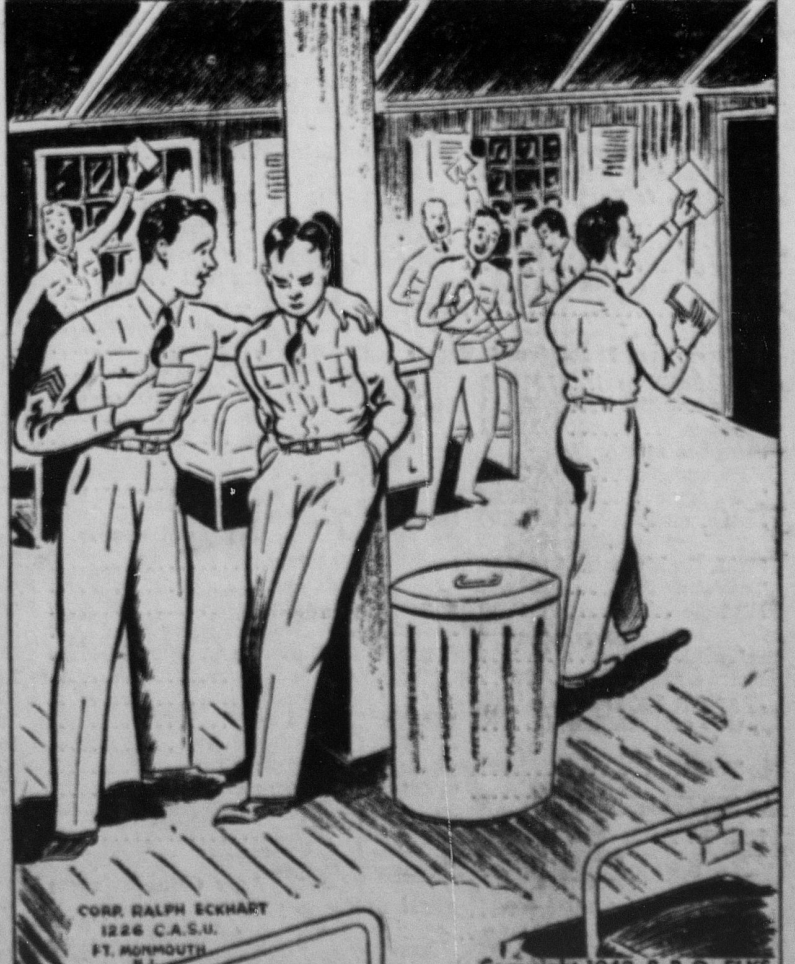
Slightly Hurt in Accident Mrs. Robert Condo of Jacksonville, was taken to the Lock Haven Hospital Friday night for examination for a possible fracture of the ankle or hip following a minor automobile accident at Jacksonville when the car which her husband was driving got out of control as he reached for a match in his pocket. No fractures were found and she was able to go home.

Tiny Babe Born A two-pound 11 ounce son was born to Mr. and Mrs. James Grant, Beech Creek, Monday at the Lock Haven Hospital, the smallest baby ever born in the hospital, as far as could be determined. The baby was placed immediately in an incubator and is being fed through a medicine dropper.

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"Write 'Em a Letter"



"WOULD IT HELP ANY IF YOU READ THIS ONE BEFORE I DO?" This is the second of a series of cartoons, one a week, sponsored for publication in the Centre Democrat by the Bellefonte Lodge of Elks.