

Odd and CURIOUS in the NEWS

MONEY WAS DAMP A 42-year-old Cleveland woman had carefully saved \$92 to pay the rent for the delicatessen store she operated. Then one day last week the small bag containing the rent money dropped into the bathroom plumbing. She made 13 calls before locating a plumber to dig up pipe in her basement to look for the money. "I'll be back in a flash with the cash," the plumber said confidently—but he failed. At the suggestion of a neighbor, the woman next called the fire department to turn 2 hose into the plumbing. That did the trick. Those waiting at a nearby man-hole saw the money floating down the stream—seven \$10 bills, 12 \$1 bills and one \$5 bill—all but \$5 of the \$92.

V FOR EVERYBODY The McLaughlin Bat Factory at Ralston, Lyncum county, received a piece of timber recently on which nature had stamped her patriotic insignia. It was an ash log, which was found to bear ingrained in its heart a distinct letter V. As a result it has been sliced into numerous circular V-for-Victory curls. Henry Reger, sawyer, intercepted the timber, which he described as being about 15 inches in diameter with an 8-inch wide, dark gray V centered in its grain for a distance of about 6 feet from its base.

NO LAUGHING MATTER Ernest Pershing Raspberry of Columbus, Ohio, has petitioned the Superior Court to change his surname to "Berry." His petition said the change was desired because "when his name is introduced socially or in private, he is instantly looked upon in the spirit of puns, jokes and jests all to his humiliation and embarrassment and annoyance."

COIL TROUBLE John Wilkes, of Sharon, S. C., didn't pay much attention to it when his radio suddenly went silent early one night recently, but he decided to investigate when it suddenly blared forth about midnight when everyone was asleep. The trouble proved to be a big black snake which was leisurely crawling out of the set.

RATION'S END Pulling up under a shed during a heavy rainstorm, Ration, the horse which C. H. Calhoun, vocational teacher of Nahutta, Ga., used to replace his automobile, became interested in an electric light bulb, reached up and bit into it. That was the end of Ration. He was electrocuted.

GOT THE 'BREAKS' Thomas Grumbling, 26, of near Johnstown, yawned in bed and dislocated his jaw. On the way home from the hospital after having the jaw set, Grumbling became ill and leaned out the automobile window. His jaw dislocated again.

We might point out to Americans who despise the Soviet Union, that without the fighting of the Red army, the soldiers of the United States would face a casualty list running into millions.

Any Bats or Blacksnakes for Sale?

John Ricks, Berks county orchardist, in an effort to protect his fruit trees from ravaging mice, last week advertised in a Reading newspaper that he would pay five cents each for bats (in good flying condition), and 25 cents apiece for blacksnakes. In his unique plan for an "all out" defense of his property, Ricks explained that field mice create havoc

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Tyrone Girl Killed As Ride Cable Breaks In Accident at Bland Park

Evelyn Edmondson Fatally Injured and Three Other Young People Injured When Speeding Airplane Ride Goes Wrong

Miss Evelyn Edmondson, 17, daughter of Clair Edmondson, was fatally injured and three other young Tyrone people injured last Thursday afternoon at Bland Park, Tipton, when the rear cable supporting a speeding car of the airplane swing snapped, the car being thrown some distance and crashing into a nearby ticket booth, throwing the occupants to the ground.

Miss Edmondson, a well known Tyrone young lady, died at 5:20 o'clock in the Altoona hospital from head injuries. She was seated in the rear seat of the airplane car and was hurled through space after hitting the ticket booth, striking the ground

Man Falls On R. R. Tracks; Stop Train

Aged Victim, Crippled By Rheumatism, Escapes Injury An aged man, crippled with rheumatism, fell on the railroad tracks at Lock Haven, Friday evening and would have been struck by passenger train No. 511, due from the east, had not some men seen his predicament and got him off the tracks, after setting the signals to stop the train.

The man, identified as Allen Streck, was seen to start toward the P. R. R. station from Hanna street, walking along the tracks instead of on the sidewalk. When he fell at a point a few feet west of the Hanna street crossing, the men watching him pulled him to safety and the train got stopped in time.

Police were called and the man was given a berth at the city jail for the night, and released Saturday morning.

Posting Land Stirs League

Deibler Property Near Fisherman's Paradise Again in Limelight

Melvin Merritts, of Altoona, president of the Pennsylvania Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs, said he is "not worrying about" the demand of Allegheny county sportsmen that he resign.

Member clubs of Allegheny county Sportsmen's League adopted by a 16-14 vote Thursday night a resolution asking the Altoona man to resign as president. They said he had assisted Oliver Deibler, former state fish commissioner, in posting a stream running through Deibler's property below Fisherman's Paradise.

Merritt explained that the Deibler property was posted to Centre county by Boy Scouts could use it for a jam-boree, including some fishing.

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UNCLE SAM NEEDS NURSES

On July 1, 1942, in the beautiful garden of the American Red Cross Headquarters in Washington, D. C., six Army Nurses were decorated for outstanding service at Bataan and Corregidor. Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, in addressing these nurses stated she had four sons in the service and said, "I ask for my boys what every mother has a right to ask—that they be given full and adequate nursing should the time come when they need it. Only nurses who have volunteered can give it. You must not forget that nurses have it in their power to bring back some who otherwise surely will not return."

Every graduate nurse in the United States is striving to help win the war. Some are serving on the home front while others are serving with the Armed Forces. However, with the increase of our Military Forces we realize the tremendous need for graduate, registered nurses. Pennsylvania alone needs 5,126 nurses by October, 1942. To date 1,201 Pennsylvania nurses have volunteered to serve their country. For every nurse who volunteers for military duty her place in the community must be replaced. The nurses who have become inactive during peacetime will welcome the opportunity to get back into active service to our country.

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LETTER TO A BOY IN UNIFORM

Editor's Note—The following appeared as an editorial in a recent issue of the Lock Haven Express. It is copied here in the hope that it may find a response in the minds of many of our readers.

A local young man, John E. Bressler, of Flemington, who has been working in Birmingham, Ala., for the past year, has roomed with and been friends with another young man, Carl K. Wells of Sabula, Ia. As both boys were on the eve of their departure for service in the U. S. Navy, Bressler to Norfolk, Va., and Wells to the Great Lakes Naval Training Base, the latter's father wrote "Jack" a letter expressing his hope for his son's friend's welfare and an appreciation of his friendship.

Sending the letter to The Express, Jack says: "This letter may give

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Altoona Husband Kills Rival He Found With His Wife; Returns Home to Bed

Victim Found On Porch of Nearby Resident, Dies Later In Hospital; Slayer Gives Himself Up at Motor Police Barracks

Enraged at finding his pretty blonde second wife in the company of another man when he returned for the weekend from a defense job at Chambersburg, Andrew M. Hileman, 64, of Altoona, shot and killed Laurence E. Hemcher, a produce dealer of that city.

The shooting occurred between 11 and 12 o'clock Saturday night near a barn located between the homes of Oscar Boyles and his sister, Elsie Pfister, 529 Mountain ave., on whose back porch Hemcher was found bleeding profusely from a wound in the chest, just above the heart, Saturday morning about 8 o'clock.

When Hemcher was found, he was conscious, Boyles and his sister reported, but said he would not explain how he received his injury. He died in the Altoona hospital about three hours later from internal hemorrhages.

Following a search which police put out for the slayer, Hileman walked into the motor police barracks at Ant Hills early Saturday night and surrendered himself.

Mrs. Willa Hileman, 43, wife of the accused slayer was reported being held under technical charges as a material witness.

She testified to authorities she returned home from the city Saturday night with Hemcher and after leaving his car was accosted by her husband who was brandishing a shotgun.

Mrs. Hileman said her husband fired three shots at the moment, one of them felling Hemcher.

County Schools Receive \$125,418

Fourth Class Districts to Share in Payment of State-Aid Fund

Payments totalling \$125,418 were approved last Friday by Auditor General P. Clair Ross covering the payments of State aid in the support of public schools in fourth class districts of Centre county.

Sharing the current disbursement are the following:

Benner	\$ 2,784.56
Boggs Twp.	3,317.40
Burnside Twp.	1,184.90
Centre Hall Boro.	3,455.75
College Twp.	3,268.68
Curtin Twp.	2,083.64
Ferguson Twp.	4,804.00
Gregg Twp.	5,622.50
Hills Twp.	3,418.41
Hill Moon Twp.	1,100.00
Harris Twp.	4,259.50
Howard Boro.	3,105.75
Howard Twp.	1,751.43
Huston Twp.	2,098.33
Liberty Twp.	3,577.00
Marion Twp.	3,000.00
Mill Twp.	1,185.00
Millburg Boro.	2,961.25
Patton Twp.	1,465.82
Penn Twp.	2,653.75
Phillipsburg Boro.	19,425.00
Potter Twp.	3,971.00
Rush Twp.	9,957.86
Snow Shoe Boro.	3,365.00
Snow Shoe Twp.	4,800.00
So. Phillipsburg Boro.	1,027.35
Spring Twp.	8,298.00
Taylor Twp.	1,570.87
Union Twp.	2,262.36
Unionville Boro.	600.00
Wilker Twp.	5,359.50
Worth Twp.	4,305.75

Total \$125,418.36

Twins Break Arms

Tommy and Eddy Barrett, 13-year-old twin sons of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Barrett, of Towanda, both broke their arms while spending a two-weeks' vacation at Camp St. Andrews, near Trunkhansock. Tommy broke his left arm playing basketball at camp and was taken to a Pittsburgh hospital. On the same day his twin brother broke his arm in a game of baseball. Another brother, Joe, who was in camp with them, declared he would not move as he was afraid of getting hurt.

Killed in Crash

Ernest Thompson, 33, was almost instantly killed, and four companions were injured, Saturday at Bloomsburg, when the car in which they were riding swerved off the highway and crashed into a telephone pole. Thompson's skull was fractured and he suffered internal injuries.

Buys Liberty Twp. Home

Mrs. Bertha Rupert has sold her home in Liberty township, just across the line in Centre county at the Beech Creek station on the B. E. V. R. R., to Samuel M. Tressler of Mill Hall, R. D. The latter's son will occupy it this week until the elder Mr. Tressler and wife move into it permanently in the fall.

MAN WHO SELECTED FAMED CASKET DIES

The American soldier in the last World War who was assigned to pick a casket from one of four resting in a little chapel in a French hamlet, and thus selected America's Unknown Soldier, died Friday in Chicago.

Frightened Boy Dives to Death

Frightened to find himself in a boat, out of control and in swift current of a rain-swollen river, 7-year-old Raymond Robinson, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Robinson, of Berwick, disrobed and plunged to his death in the river. His brother, Harry, 10, remained in the boat until it was rescued three-quarters of a mile down the river by two Berwick men, Donald Hower and Richard Banks. The boy's mother is now a patient in the Geisinger Hospital. A younger brother died about nine months ago.

Buy Defense Bonds now!

Random Items

CURFEW: This corner tries not to be old-fogy-ish, but we still can't see why youngsters lately out of their cribs should be permitted to vend peanuts and candy at all hours of the night in Bellefonte's beer garden. It's bad enough for youngsters of that age to be on the streets late at night, let alone mingling among the beery and bleary in the town's hot spots.

DAMAGES: The Bellefonte School Board, which paid a Pittsburgh bank \$400 a month, 12 months a year for several years for the use of the Academy building, asked the bank to pay \$600 for the boiler which the board installed in the broken-down heating plant to furnish heat to the buildings. The bank claims that it wants the boiler plus \$300 extra for damage allegedly done the buildings while the schools occupied the property. If the matter goes to court the jurors will have fun trying to distinguish damage caused by the schools from damage resulting from age. To us it looks like the height of something or other.

WAR NOTE: War has dealt the toy industry a fair blow. Toys operated by spring motors, are becoming notoriously poor, probably because of inability to obtain good quality metals for the motors. Celluloid, wood, and plastics are being substituted for metals in many other toys.

POSTOFFICE: If the war keeps making inroads on the employees of the Bellefonte postoffice, some drastic changes may be made—such as the discontinuance of one of the two daily deliveries in Bellefonte, Pa. The postoffice not only is losing regular employees but the substitute list is dwindling away as those on the list find regular employment.

REPORT: The "cross in corn" reported by this corner last week, is being investigated by proper authorities. In other parts of the east, according to Monday's newspapers, federal agents have found that peculiarly planted or plowed fields, grain bags strewn on fields and other distinctive markings are being used by saboteurs to point the way to vital centers, as an aid to enemy bombers. According to our information, the field in question in Centre County is planted so that in the center of a corn field is a large unplanted section in the form of a cross.

MISCELLANEOUS: Sign over Plaza theatre marquee Monday read "James Craig, in Friendly Enemies," which prompts us to ask whether they mean James, Jr., James, Sr., or James, Sr. Sam gets so he's really hard up for scrap iron, Bellefonte can always rip out the unused meter posts along the streets and contribute them to the cause. Of course, there's always the possibility we'll need them for hitchhiking posts, but we've got to make some sacrifices. A local physician Monday night predicted that Bellefonte may lose one more physician to the war, but he doesn't look for any more to be called into service. The town now has six "full time" physicians (including surgeons). When gone, the town would have five full time men, and at least one who devotes part time to Bellefonte practice. We should be able to get along.

PROSPERITY: After many years during which there were scores of applicants for every available job, it is pleasant for a change to hear of vacant jobs for which there are no applicants. Within a day we heard of an opening for an elderly man and another for a girl who would like office work.

BIRD: Some weeks ago "Bill" Kissell, of East Bishop street, found a large bird injured near the American Lime and Stone Company plant, picked it up and took it home where he nursed it back to health. Upon being released a week or so ago the bird refused to leave the neighborhood, and soon had the residents of the area up in arms because from dawn to dark it sat around in trees and bushes and cooed or whooped monotonously and continuously. On Sunday William Lambert lured the bird close with a handful of corn, captured it and placed it in a box where it is being held. As long as it is in the box it keeps quiet. The bird is said to be a dove. It is gray with black specks, and is somewhat larger than a pigeon.

An advertisement in The Centre Democrat is notice to the world that you know how to get the most for your advertising money; the conclusion is inevitable that you are a smart business man.

"Write 'Em a Letter"

