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VERY MUCH ALIVE

When Mrs. Elizabeth McKeague, of McElhattan, went to the polls in Wayne Township, Clinton County, to vote Tuesday, she found out she was recorded as dead.

MANPOWER RESERVOIR

K. D. Hancock of Dallas, Tex., received this answer to his ad for a painter and paperhanger: "Gentlemen: I wish to apply for a job as a paperhanger. Am hunting bears at present, but am about out of ammunition. Anyway, I am a better paperhanger than I am a bear hunter—Signed, Adolph Hitler."

NEXT ONE FREE

The stork made his 19th call at the home of James Roy Hill, 48, paper mill worker, and Mrs. Hill, 42, of Lock Haven, bringing a boy. The attending physician Dr. T. E. Teah, who has delivered most of the Hills' 19 children announced there will be no bill for medical services if he is called on to deliver No. 20, "Next one," he told the beaming father, "is on me."

A BIG ORDER

A farmer of Stonbridge, England, received a letter from the War Agricultural Committee which read: "The Committee wishes to notify you that four land girls are being sent to you for threshing. If they do not prove suitable, please inform—W.A.C."

THAT SONG AGAIN

A church bell donated to the metal drive by St. Mary's Catholic parish at Phoenix, Arizona, has been placed on a downtown sidewalk. It has this sign: "I've praised the Lord, now I go to make some ammunition."

Million for Hitler, Dead or Alive, Is Offered Air Corps

"Wanted—Adolph Hitler—dead or alive—reward \$1,000,000." That offer was made to 150 newly inducted Air Corps cadets Monday night at ceremonies in the Franklin Institute, Philadelphia.

Gets Pheasants Easily

William B. Royer, retired railroad worker of Watsonstown, did not have to use a gun or go out of his yard last Saturday to get a pheasant. He was sitting in his home when he heard a noise in the yard. He went out to find a ringneck pheasant in the grass, the bird having been crippled by a hunter. Mr. Royer picked up the pheasant, which apparently had been hit a few moments before, and "glided" into the Royer yard as it died.

Keep 'em firing—with junk!

DRAW JURORS FOR REGULAR DECEMBER TERM OF COURT

- The Centre County Jury Commissioners last week completed the task of drawing the names of men and women who will serve as jurors for the regular December term of court. Twenty-four Grand Jurors were drawn to convene here on Monday, November 20, while 50 traverse jurors for Criminal Court, beginning Monday, December 14, and 50 for Civil Court, which opens Monday, December 21, also were chosen. The lists follow: GRAND JURY (Meets Monday, Nov. 20) Bradley, Florence... Clarence Crawford, Geo. A. Centre Hall R. D. Dickson, Donald S. Bellefonte Dunlap, Toner K. State College Fulton, John C. Philipsburg Gardner, Pearl Howard Grove, William L. Lemont Harvey, William T. Philipsburg Haynes, Agnes Snow Shoe Hutchingson, Clair State College Kachik, John A. Clarence Keester, Frank W. Aaronsburg Kinkead, Lawrence Philipsburg R. D. Korman, Warren T. Coburn Lupton, Gladys A. Philipsburg Maurer, Mabel So. Philipsburg Ray, Howard Aaronsburg Passmore, Austin E. State College Peters, Edward Bellefonte Rogus, Mary Clarence Ruter, John Harvey Bellefonte Smith, Earl Woodward Weaver, Elmer F. Aaronsburg Yarnell, Melvin C. Bellefonte R. D. CRIMINAL COURT JURORS (Meet Monday, Dec. 14) Almond, James Philipsburg Askey, J. E. Howard R. D. Barnhart, Grace V. Bellefonte R. D. Blaney, Dorothea Bellefonte Bloom, Edna Warriors Mark

Death Reveals Girl Posed As Male Farmhand for 3 Years on Bald Eagle Farm

Victim, Injured From Fall in Barn, Dies In Altoona Hospital; Undertaker Discovers Mistake In Sex

The strange circumstance of a girl posing as a "man" while working for three years on a farm near Tyrone, was revealed by the death of "Robert Moore," which occurred in the Altoona hospital Sunday morning, November 1st. The death attracted little more attention than the fact that "he" had been injured in a fall while working at the G. R. Stonebraker farm in upper Bald Eagle Valley.

Burns Prove Fatal To Tyrone Woman

Coroner Reports Notes Left Behind Indicated Planned Suicide

Mrs. Dorothy Cowher, adopted daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Calderwood of Tyrone, died at the Altoona hospital Tuesday night of last week from burns received in a natural gas explosion at her home earlier in the evening.

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Sentenced to Jail in Clinton County

Charles Farrington of Lamar, Must Serve 3 Months For Liquor Violation

At a special session of Clinton county court last Wednesday morning, Judge Henry Hippie sentenced Charles Farrington of Lamar to serve three months in the county jail and pay a fine of \$300, the minimum sentence provided by law for violation of the liquor laws a second time.

Now To Strike A Balance



MAY BE ASKED TO SIGN PLEDGE

The nation's 27,000,000 motorists, in the tire conservation program. They are: 1. Drive only when absolutely necessary. 2. Keep under 35 miles an hour. 3. Keep your tires properly inflated. 4. Have them inspected regularly. 5. Share your car with others.

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF HIM NOW?

(Special to The Centre Democrat) "What on earth was he ever going to be good for?" You often ask yourself but never receive a satisfactory answer. He kept bobbing up among your worries like the proverbial plumb line.

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Show Entertainers' Car Crashes Pole Near Mill Hall While Enroute Here

Other Accidents in Clinton County Involve Injuries to Mrs. Epley White of Bellefonte R. D. 3; \$100 Damages to Car

Injuries to five persons resulted sometime after midnight Saturday when the car in which they were riding, owned and operated by A. W. Linn, Lock Haven, got out of control and struck a telephone pole along Route 22, at the triangle, just east of the Flemington borough limits, in Clinton county. Three of the party were professional entertainers and were on their way to Bellefonte.

Wins First Honors in Milking Contest

Sixteen-Year-Old Penn State Co-ed Best of Five Contestants

Verna Rothermel, 16, a freshman in the home economics course, was co-ed milking champion of Pennsylvania State College. Miss Rothermel, of Klingers town, won the title in the competition with five other co-eds, at the 20th annual college dairy exposition.

Big Squashes

Samuel S. Norton, of Elkland township, Lycoming county, raised two very large squashes in past summer. Of the Golden Delicious variety, one weighed 99 pounds and the other 69 pounds. The seeds were from a squash raised last summer near Jersey Shore, which weighed 140 pounds.

Hunter Injured

Daniel Rice was accidentally shot while hunting with a party at Hornsby Hollow. When one of the party killed a rabbit some of the shot hit a stone, glanced off and hit Mr. Rice. He received treatment at the Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hospital for the injuries.

FARM QUESTION BOX

Q—How can we destroy wild buckwheat in our garden? Q—When feeding dried skimmed or whole milk to calves and pigs, should it be fed in dry form with the other grains, or dissolved in water and fed in liquid form for best results? Q—For best results, dissolve one pound of powdered milk in a gallon of warm water and use this as a carrier to feed calf meal or ground feed to your calves and pigs. The milk is too high priced to feed it alone in the dry form, although it is used as an ingredient in commercial feeds when it can be spared for that use.

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Dogs Hunt Alone

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Successful Hunters

John and Don Miller, Ronald McClure and Jim Rupert, employees of the Beech Creek plant of the General Refractories Company, each had a wild turkey 15 minutes after the small game season opened Saturday morning. Don Miller got a 20-pound turkey and the other three each brought down 15-pound birds.

Succession of Deaths

Every generation is entitled to live its own way, which is a principle that old people find it hard to accept.

HOSS TRADING:

Even though horse trading is becoming a thing of the past, that doesn't mean there aren't any hoss traders around anymore. The, for example, the delightful transaction just concluded between the Fidelity Trust Company of Pittsburgh, and the Bellefonte School District. When the schools vacated the Academy property the board told the banking house it could have the fine boiler the board installed in the Academy for the paltry sum of \$600. The bank, countered with the proposition that the board should leave the boiler in the building and pay the damage the schools caused to the building. There was a wide difference between the offers, as can be readily seen. Monday night it was announced at the school board meeting that the boiler had been sold to the bank for \$500 and a complete release from all damage claims. We'll leave it to you who got the best of the bargain, but we're still in the dark as to the identity of the hoss trader on the board who swung the deal.

CARVER:

The catastrophe we have feared has happened. A Bellefonte High School student last week was caught carving a design in the shiny top of a brand new arm-desk. School officials in all its power descended upon the student. He was given the choice of purchasing a new top (price about \$6.00) or having the top refinished. He chose the latter alternative, and if the work doesn't pass inspection he'll have to buy a new top. Looks like the palmy days of desk-carving definitely are over at the BHS!

GLOVES:

We always thought the reason Guy Stover, State College photographer, wears gloves winter and summer, indoors and out, while taking pictures, is because he believes gloves give him luck and make his pictures turn out well—for some other similar hard-to-explain reason. We got the correct answer Monday while Guy was taking photos at the scene of the Kadash murder-suicide attempt at Osceola Mills. "Did you ever grab hold of a flash bulb just after taking a picture?" Guy asked in response to our question. "They heat up to more than 3,000 degrees," he further explained.

PRIORITY:

Speaking of flash bulbs—before long you won't be able to use them without priorities. The intense bright light they make is caused by the burning of magnesium foil or wire—and magnesium just now is badly needed for bombs and other implements of war.

WORTHWHILE:

It does all of us good to find out that the United Nations, after all, are capable of united action on a scale never before attempted. The invasion of the north and west coasts of Africa is a maneuver that staggers the imagination and illustrates to us and to the Axis that A. Hitler has no corner on military brains, equipment, and ability.

LIGHTS:

Have you noticed how different Allegheny street appears at night since the West Penn Power Company has completed part of its re-vamping of the lighting system? Some notorious dark places have been brightened up.

HUNTER:

Mike Hoover, well known hunter of Reynolds avenue, went turkey hunting near Julian one day last week. He hid behind a large stump and eventually heard a turkey calling. The bird came closer and closer, Mike peered around one side of the

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