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NEWS SERVICE

Child Killed, 5 Members of Family Injured When Train Demolishes Auto

Kushner Family Were Returning from Funeral When Car is Struck at Railroad Crossing; Injured Are Recovering

Marian Kushner, 7, was killed instantly and all five members of her family were injured and taken to the Phillipsburg State Hospital last Thursday night after their car was struck on Glasgow railroad crossing...

Man's Body Cut In Two by Saw

Victim Drawn Into Revolving Saw When Glove Caught on Guide

When his glove caught in a guide on a saw mill and threw him into the saw, the body of Wesley Elmer Wilson, 31, native of Sonestown, was severed about four inches below the arm pits in lumbering operations on the Ricketts' estate about five miles from Lopez, Sullivan county.

Two Escape Injury As Truck Upsets

Traveling Library Truck Meets With Mishap on Narrow Road

Miss Isabel E. Welch, librarian at the Ross Library, Lock Haven, and her assistant, Miss Mary Hand, escaped with nothing more serious than bruises when the traveling library or book truck went over a six-foot embankment and turned over several times last Thursday morning.

Woman Found in Well

Miss Angel Jordan, 45, whose body was found in a well at her home near Utahville, Clearfield county, apparently was drowned when she slipped into the well as she attempted to draw water, Coroner E. I. Erhard said. No inquest will be held.

Home Burned at Madera.

The home of Bill Hensel, Madera, was heavily damaged in a fire early one morning last week. The entire inside of the house was destroyed, the blaze of undetermined origin, starting in the cellar and spreading through the structure. Damage was estimated at \$1,000. When the Madera siren sounded at 9:25 o'clock, it was responded to by Madera firemen and the Houtzdale firemen were called. It required two hours to bring the blaze under control. Firemen were served coffee by Mrs. Cornely at the scene of the fire.

Old Bridge Razed

The old Howard across Bald Eagle Creek east of Howard, rendered useless after the erection of the new bridge on the relocated state highway, formerly Route 64, now U. S. 220, is being dismantled by Reed & Kuhn who had the sub-contract for bridges on the new six-mile stretch of highway. The old bridge was of steel girders which can be reclaimed, if not used for scrap. When erected after the '36 flood it was made as a temporary structure.

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Treasury officials regard the purchase of life insurance as particularly helpful in heading off inflation because money paid for life insurance premiums is definitely withdrawn from spending channels—and more permanently than through other forms of savings.

THE RUSSIANS by ALBERT RHYS WILLIAMS

Appointments To Annapolis

Congressman VanZandt Announces Results of Examinations

Congressman James E. VanZandt has announced the results of the preliminary examinations for appointments to the United States Naval Academy.

Youth Dies of Crash Injuries

Robert Strayer, Altoona, Succumbs Two Weeks After Accident

Severely injured on January 8, when the produce truck he was driving figured in a head-on collision with a street car in Altoona, seventeen-year-old Robert Strayer died in the Altoona Hospital last Wednesday afternoon.

Milesburg Lists Area Honor Roll

Woman's Club Sponsors Dedication Exercises For Men in Service

Names of Milesburg and Boggs township service men have been gathered by members of the Milesburg Woman's Club, sponsors of a project to erect an honor roll board in the town. To date, 114 names of men and women have been received by the committee.

How New Point System Food Ration Book Will Operate

The OPA has issued the following questions and answers on the forthcoming Ration Book No. 2, under which canned, frozen and dried fruits and vegetables will be rationed on a point system. Q—May War Ration Book Two be used by any member of the family? A—Yes. Ration Book Two—like War Ration Book One (now used for sugar and coffee) may be used by any member of the household to whom the book is issued. Any member of the family may use all the family's ration books. Q—Will all persons be given the same number of ration stamps? A—Yes. Exactly the same ration books, with the same number of stamps, will be issued to every member of the family. Q—Will processed baby foods be rationed on the same point system as foods for grown-ups? A—The processed baby foods that are made of strained or chopped fruits, vegetables, or meats, or combinations of those, put up in sealed glass or tin containers are included in the ration order. Canned milk, canned milk formulas, and canned prepared cereals will not be rationed. Q—Suppose I have used all my family's point stamps and run out of baby food? A—You should learn to make your points last throughout each ration period, just as you now budget your money for food to last until next payday. Q—How will I know how to budget my ration stamps? A—The food value of all rationed foods will be published and posted in each store at the beginning of each ration period. You will also know how many "points" your family will have to spend during that period. If you know that you must have a certain number of cans of baby food during a ration period,

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Aged Blair County Real Estate Agent Found Dead in His Automobile After Accident Near Tyrone Paper Mill

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Train Kills Man Near Bellwood

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Bad News For the Axis

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Suffers Leg Fracture

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Ex Libris... By William Sharp. Covering one-sixth of the earth's surface, the land embraced by the U.S.S.R. is so vast that DAY BREAKS ON ONE FRONTIER. JUST AS NIGHT FALLS ON THE OTHER...! One of the greatest mass movements in history was the EVACUATION OF THOUSANDS OF WAR PLANTS ACROSS THOUSANDS OF MILES when the Nazis invaded Russia in June, 1941. In the search for rubber to keep their armies rolling, the Russians discovered species of RUBBER PLANTS never before mentioned in BOTANICAL BOOKS! THE RUSSIANS by ALBERT RHYS WILLIAMS

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FARM QUESTION BOX by ED W. MITCHELL, Farm Advisor, General Electric Station WGY. Q—Can an old vinegar barrel be cleaned and sweetened for sauerkraut? A—A thorough scrubbing and soaking and sunning would fit an old vinegar barrel as would be all right for kraut. To make sauerkraut, take solid heads of late cabbage and discard outer leaves, and then core and shred the better parts on a kraut cutter or with a butcher knife. Mix thoroughly one pound of salt to 40 pounds of cabbage, pack firmly in a barrel and cover with a clean cloth and a plate or board weighted with brick. Store at around 65 degrees F. for 10 to 12 days till fermentation and bubbling cease, and skim off scum daily; then seal with paraffin and store in a cool place. Q—How can I prevent tools from rusting? A—The most convenient and economical way to keep all tools bright and free from rust is to save some old engine crankcase drainings and use them to coat tools. Dip them in a convenient place, and dab them with oil when they are put away. Q—How are Evergreens reseeded? A—The seeds are in little capsules that make up the cone. Gather the cones; crack out the seed; store in a cool, dry place from rats and mice and red squirrels, and plant one-half inch deep in late fall or early spring. Q—Can you send me a bulletin on the care of tree roots? A—For most trees and shrubs no special treatment is needed, although mounding with earth and spreading mulch does protect from mice and winter injury and heaving of roots. Roots used for root grafting and other special purposes and specimens recently transplanted or trenced for future transplanting need heavy mulch over the root area. I know of no bulletin that covers this subject. Q—What will kill lice on primrose plants? A—Try Black Leaf 40, one tablespoonful to one quart of soapy water. Dip the plants or spray very thoroughly. Q—What type of cross-cut saw is best to purchase? A—That depends a little on the type of sawing to be done. We have two types of saw, narrow pattern 2 to 1 and wide pattern 4 to 1, and I notice we use the narrow 2 to 1 a lot more than the other one. For general use, a five-foot narrow pattern 2 to 1, flat-ground 14 gauge steel would be about right; or perhaps a 3/4 or four-foot one-man saw with extra handle for two men would be good. Q—Are coal ashes good for all vegetables and flowers as fertilizer? A—By analysis, coal ashes contain no plant food. About the only way they can benefit plants or improve soil is by aerating heavy soil and making it more open and porous. I would not use ashes on light soil. Q—Are you investing in War Bonds?