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Two Four-Year-Old Blair County Girls Lose Lives By Falling in Ore Mine

Bodies of Ann Tierney and Susan Carol Porter Found in Water-Filled Pit After Wandering from Home

Following a search last Thursday afternoon by state police and scores of citizens, the bodies of two four-year-old girls were taken from a water-filled Blair county ore pit less than 1000 yards from the rear of the Seville apartments where both little girls lived.

Two In Hospital After Auto Wreck

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Odd and Curious

Saved His Pennies Steve Buyak brought three boxes containing approximately 40 pennies to the bank counter of a factory at West Hartford, Conn., and ordered a \$100 E. bond. The boxes contained 7,500 pennies.

Fire Burns House, 12 Tons of Coal

Avis and Lock Haven Home Companies Fight Blaze With Well Water

Fire burned to the ground the two-story frame home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bowyer at McElhattan, about 4 p. m. last Wednesday. Twelve tons of coal burned in the cellar.

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Valentine

By the first post, Monday morning, we received a Valentine. Ordinarily we wouldn't mention it, because, of course, our mails are cluttered up every February 14 with oodles of them. We mention this one because it came in the first mail, and there didn't seem to be any other mails. It brought back memories of the romantic days of our youth—our school days. If you please, it brought back memories of violet-veined meadows, of cool green trees and the grand aroma of new-mown hay. It brought back fond recollections of the pierced-heart Valentines with flower-bordered edges that The Wolf of Eighth Grade used to display proudly. Why the current Valentine should cause such reflections we can't explain, for it reads: "You've got a monstrous intellect, at least that's what you think. But those who know you claim your brain would fit the missing link." Touching, isn't it? The trouble is we don't recall who sent it, although we do recall that friend Jesse Gamm showed considerable interest in a pile of penny Valentines down at Roy Ul's place last week.

Miscellaneous

Lewis R. Lenhart, assistant county superintendent of schools, filed a lawsuit in the county court to have a lease for a building in the living room, same as the man we commented on in here last week. Only Lew would like to know, too, how the fellow gets his morning paper delivered on time for the first cup of coffee. Mrs. Earl Peters, of Millersburg, writes: "You passed up Groundhog Day without a single reference to the weather!" Comes a letter from a 14-year-old girl in Ohio. "My mother used to be in the same class as you in High School," she writes. Yes, Lols, were still good!

Note

To Bellefonte Kiwanis Club for whom Song Leader Cece Walker invited this department to SING at the meeting at the Penn Belle last Tuesday. We haven't sung in public since "Aunt Lucia" and a few more or less private renditions of a ballad entitled "Sweet Adeline," toying significantly with an ice pick.

Suggestion

Chief of Police Harry Dukeman wonders why the borough doesn't plow snow up on piles instead of plowing it into the gutters. Seems like he has a good argument when he claims the snow freezes in the gutters and has to be dug out. Snow piled up, the alleyways could be easily shoveled into trucks for removal, and the gutters would be free for drainage and for the parking of cars.

Report

Some weeks ago we invited Phil Witcraft to submit a column for publication here. We learn that the column was written, but that Phil, when through with the task, filed the result carefully away in his wastebasket. "It was too rough," Phil declared. "Anyhow, who would I do your work into existence, and what's something there, but we'd still like to see the column."

Week's Best

Most significant statement of the week, in our opinion, was the remark credited to the Admiral in charge of the Marshall Islands invasion. He was quoted as saying: "We had too many men on too many ships." What a delightful condition! Back in the grim days of the early part of the war it was always "Too little, too late," and there were always die-hard defeatists. The Marshall Islands campaign was a great victory, and while the Japs lost 8,122 men, we lost only 286—or a ratio of about 29 to 1. We hope we can continue to have too many men on too many ships for all future.

Election Innovation

Dr. Emily R. Shipman, Mount Carmel, will head the Northumberland County Medical Society during the current year, having been elected at the annual meeting in the administration offices of the Sunbury Community Hospital. The new president is the first woman ever to head the society.

Federal Suit Filed

The U. S. government last week filed suit in federal court at Scranton for a \$35,994 judgment against W. Brown Bossert, Lock Haven, on grounds that he did not perform the duties as a senior educational leader for the WPA. The judgment consists of \$612.60 of alleged unearned pay given Bossert from June 2, 1941, to Jan. 25, 1942, plus a penalty of \$2,000 for each of 17 checks issued him, and double damages totaling \$1,129.

History of Scotia

By Harry M. Williams

Just recently we read a letter from Rev. Ralph J. Harty, pastor of the Grace Reformed church of Altoona. Rev. Harty stated that a few weeks ago he visited J. Frank Bible, of Aaronburg, and while there Rev. Harty spoke about Scotia. Rev. Harty spoke of his father, Daniel Harty, working at Scotia a number of years ago, which is true. In the installment of the History of Scotia published in the December 30 issues of the local newspapers we gave the names of a number of the first men who worked at Scotia and we listed the name of Daniel Harty. Rev. Harty thinks this was his father. He is correct. The name should have been Daniel Harty and not Daniel Hardy. We inquired around among some of the older residents, including William G. Saxton, Sr., Reuben E. Cronemiller and Mrs. James L. Williams, and they told us that the name was Harty. I am also informed that some years later Mr. Harty returned to Scotia ore mines and did some repair work on No. 1 dinky engine which the writer remembers very well. We are liable to mistakes as well as any one else and if at any time we are to be corrected don't fail to do so.

Mr. Williams' history continues: Abraham S. Valentine, the inventor of the ore washer, was a member of the great Valentine Iron Company of Bellefonte. His ore washer invention led into existence about 1842. The old method of obtaining this ore from the dirt was done by spreading it on the ground and letting it dry and then sifting the ore out, or by taking it to streams of water and washing it there. After Mr. Valentine devised his machine a great many ore washers were built throughout the country. Only the laborers knew what a great help they were, to say nothing of the great reduction in the cost of mining ore.

On December 12, 1887, a tract of land was deeded to the Bellefonte Furnace Company (Collins), the purchase price being \$38.87. This was the Abraham Hicks land and contained nineteen acres and thirty-one perches which was formerly the land surveyed by John Thompson of Martha Furnace, and brother of Moses Thompson of Centre Furnace. This was an outright sale with no reservations. About this time the Bellefonte Central had extended their branch up through the lands of Sellers, S. T. Gray and the George and David Mattern farms in order to reach all the ore mines. This deal was made and signed by P. F. Collins of Bellefonte. In 1886 a dispute arose between Moses and John Thompson about the boundary line between Scotia and Red Bank. The

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