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Death Follows Robbery of Centre County Native by 2 Boys in Automobile

Victim Dies After Hitch-Hiking Trip on Which He Was Robbed and Put Out of Car at Point of Knife

George W. Hartsock, 65, of Sinnamahoning, died last Wednesday afternoon, in East Keating township, Clinton county, following a hitch-hiking trip on which two young boys picked him up and eventually robbed and put him out of the car at the point of a knife.

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A Serious Matter

Frank Burfield, of Driftwood, was passing shortly afterward and stated that when he approached that part of the road on his way home, he noticed a man waving and calling from over the bank. Upon his stopping to question the stranger, he heard the story. He then proceeded to aid Hartsock in getting over the bank, toward the road, but when they reached the guard rail Hartsock slumped and died.



New Postal Rates Now Effective

Reductions in Money Order, Insurance and COD Mail Fees. Reductions on money order, insurance, and C. O. D. mail fees became effective yesterday, November 1.

Philipsburg Firm Banned on Butter

Privilege Restricted on Commodity During Ration Period. The privilege of selling butter for the length of the time that that commodity is to be rationed by the federal government was taken from the Purity Milk Company, Philipsburg, at an OPA hearing in Williamsport Postoffice Friday.

Historian Recalls Major General Jonathan Wolfe's Cavalry Woman Narrative

Asks if 'Unie' Wolfe's Female Guard of Honor Was Derived from Madame de Berri's Squadron of Horsewomen

By Henry W. Shoemaker in the Altoona Tribune. Says a Centre county reader of the column: "There are so many Centre countians employed by the PRR in Altoona and in other activities in the Mountain City, I may be pardoned for asking a question or two relating to the county which produced Bigler, Curtin, Beaver, and Hastings.

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Awarded Medal After His Death

Altoonan Saved Three-Year-Old Boy From Being Killed. On a bright October morning a year ago, three little boys at play wandered onto a railroad track at Wilkes-Barre, unaware of a fast-moving freight that thundered toward them.

Seven-Year-Old Lad Fatally Shoots Four-Year-Old Cousin

With an old relic of a gun, found on a dump heap, a 7-year-old Tipton lad fatally shot his 4-year-old cousin, also of Tipton, while the youngsters with their parents were visiting at the home of their grandparents at Lonsville, near Tyrone, Monday evening.

Peters Bros. Add to Holstein Cattle Herd

Peters Brothers, Port Matilda, attended the Pennsylvania Holstein Association state convention and sale at the York Fair Grounds on Thursday, Oct. 19, and made several purchases.

Mackeyville Man Heads Association

Carl Sager Elected President of State Turkey Growers. Carl Sager, of Mackeyville, was elected president of the Pennsylvania Turkey Growers' Association at their meeting in State College last Thursday.

Lifts Ban on Xmas Outdoor Lighting

O.C.D. Permits Lights This Year But Wants Fuel Conserved. The ban on exterior, lighted Christmas decorations has been lifted this season by the State Council of Defense, with the provision that such lights can be turned off if an emergency should arise.

Three Youths Are Held for Theft

Admit Robbing USO Club in Lock Haven of Fifty Dollars. Three young men, one of them a boy just past 16, have admitted the theft of money, pocketbooks, and other articles from the USO Club in Lock Haven, and face court disposition of their cases.

Belleville Officer Trains as Co-Pilot

Flight Officer John L. Dobelbower, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph E. Dobelbower, Curtin street, Bellefonte, has reported to the Third Air Force bomber base for an intensive training course as a co-pilot on a B-17 Flying Fortress.

Brothers Meet in South Pacific Area

Two Philipsburg brothers, Cox, John, Sherokey, and Edward Sherokey, F. I. sons of Mrs. Ann Sherokey, met recently somewhere in the South Pacific. Their first meeting, through coincidence, was short timed, but a second meeting was arranged for the next day.

Thumb Torn Off in Corn Picker

Richard Fink Has Hand Injured While Operating Machine. Richard Fink, 22, of Woodward, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Clair Fink and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. George Fink of Philipsburg, had his left thumb torn off and all the flesh torn from the fingers of his left hand on Saturday while he was operating a corn picker on the Bash Lansberry farm near Woodward.

Memorial Service for Dead Paratrooper

A memorial service in honor of Pfc. Harold H. Miller, paratrooper who was killed in action in France on September 12, was held Sunday afternoon at the Church of Christ in Lock Haven. The Rev. Edwin V. Hayden officiated, and the American Legion presented its memorial ritual.

Draft Dodger Gets 3-Year Sentence

Wilmer Harold Hummel, 18, Williamsport, adjudged guilty of violating the Selective Service Act through failure to report to a work camp for conscientious objectors, was sentenced to three years in a Federal penitentiary by Judge William A. Smith, at Scranton last Wednesday.

Huge Kodiak Bears Presented to College

Two Kodiak bears and a moose head from the collection of the late Newton E. Hess, State College big game hunter, have been presented to the forestry department of the College by his sons, John and Samuel Hess.

Car Hits Church When Brakes Let Go

A Chevrolet coupe was damaged to the extent of \$50 when it drifted from its parking place at 125 North Atherton street, State College, and crashed into the Lutheran church, about 10:30 o'clock Friday night.

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EXPERTS: Last week after this department had noted the activities of various groups and individuals at the Centre County Hospital where we were a patient, a delegation of nurses barged into our room with eyes blazing and hands on hips, demanding: "How come you gave everyone out here a plug but the nurses? Don't we count for anything?" We groined around for an alibi, but don't think it was very convincing. Truth of the matter is that the nurses do their chores so expertly and with so little fuss that patients kind of take them for granted. They seem to think of everything, and all a patient has to do is to be present.

THANKS: To those who sent cards, greetings, notes, flowers, cigarettes, poems, reading material, and who came to visit us, many thanks. We'd like to mention them all but space prohibits. Special mention should be made of the hospital branch of the Centre County Library, which every Monday distributes books to patients in the rooms and wards. Mrs. Frank Daily conducts this most worthwhile service and the only improvement we could suggest would be to have the distribution made twice a week instead of once.

COMPLAINT DEPT.: Before we leave the subject of the hospital we'd like to explain that the place really is of the people, for the people, and by the people. It is maintained by the people of Centre County for their well-being and convenience and every patient in the place has ample opportunity to register complaints if things don't suit him. Mrs. Nellie Geary, superintendent, called around to see whether everything pleased our fancy and just before we were discharged from the hospital we received a brief questionnaire which we were to fill out and seal in an envelope addressed to the board of trustees. On the questionnaire they ask you whether you got prompt service, whether the food was satisfactory, whether you thought there was any unnecessary noise in the ward, and whether there were any other complaints or suggestions you'd like to make. Let it be known that our stay in the institution was an entirely pleasant and delightful as it could have been in the circumstances.

HELPER: Last week several friends volunteered to write this column during our illness, but unfortunately none of them produced copy before the Monday deadline. E. K. Stock, supervising principal at the Bellefonte schools, sent us a column marked "for your entertainment." In it he suggests that after the way many small towns can improve their police departments by employing service men who are well trained in the use of firearms and who have the physical ability and training to take care of themselves in personal combat on the occasions when police are required to do that type of work. Mr. Stock also wonders why newspaper offices never get around to cleaning off their desks and brushing off the dust. Finally, we've wondered about it ourselves. But it's the same wherever you go. Maybe it's because newspapermen during the years have learned where things are in the jumble and hate to take time and effort to straighten things up and learn, all over again, where things are.

POET: "Sparky" Sprinkle, Milesburg, this newspaper's presman, looks as a candidate for poet laureate of Centre County for 1944. He sent us a most delightful poem of his own construction and we'd gladly publish it except that its truth and wit are aimed at the employes of this newspaper. We hope to encourage Homer to write verse of general interest, and we can promise you that it would be salty, full of homely philosophy, and above all, interesting.

CLEAN-UP: As a post-war project we suggest a drastic and thorough clean-up of the daytime radio waves. The corn, the morose commercials, the endless soap operas and the other drivel with which the daytime ether is cluttered up are something to make your hair stand on end.

EASY PICKINGS: We yearn tell of a well known local man who is predicting Dewey's victory to the tune of \$5 on Dewey to \$1 on Roosevelt. In this day and age such things are hard to believe.

NOVEMBER 7: Somehow or other we can't get November 7 out of our minds. We fear that before that date comes we'll get way out on a limb and make a prediction. As an indication of what the prediction will be, the name of Mr. Dewey will not be very prominent.

EDUCATION: This department continually is surprised at the strides being made in local schools in making education more interesting to youngsters. For example, the fourth grade of the Spring street school, taught by Miss Mary Underwood, Monday staged a William Penn play. Pupils searched through historical references to learn the styles of clothing worn and other details of life in William Penn's day. The play, consequently, was interesting and impressive and will bet the pupils of the grade will always have a vivid and accurate impression of the main facts in the life of Pennsylvania's founder.

Direct Relief Report: State Treasurer C. Harold Wagner reported that direct relief payments made to needy residents of Centre county during the past week totalled \$452.90. Last week payments totalled \$451.90.