

### 2 District Nurses In State Offices

Two district nurses are officers of the Pennsylvania State Nurses' Association, which held its 48th annual convention in Philadelphia recently.

Mrs. Mary A. Dunn of Spangler continues as secretary-treasurer, an office to which she was named last year for a two-year term. Mrs. Merna Kauffman of Johnstown was elected second vice chairman of the general duty section of the state association. Mrs. Dunn is a former director of nurses at Memorial Hospital, Spangler. Mrs. Kauffman is a member of the general duty staff at Memorial Hospital.

Miss Mary E. Beam of Lansdowne was named president to succeed Miss Naomi Houser of Bethlehem. Other officers include Mrs. Martha Forej, Connelville, first vice president; Mrs. Mary Brown, Altoona, second vice president; and Miss Mathilda Scherer, Philadelphia, third vice president.

Pittsburgh was selected as the site for the 1953 state convention in October.

### Fowl Play



### Strip Mining Has Little Effect On Water, Says State

A Pennsylvania State Department of Forests and Waters' official this week reported that strip mining of all kinds has little effect on the Pennsylvania water supply.

"We feel that strip mining has little effect on the water supply in mining or any other area," said R. C. Wible, deputy secretary of forests and waters.

He added "many of the open pits, in fact, are pockets that hold water. Some may run water off, but not enough to affect the water table."

"Our feeling is that there isn't too much effect on the drainage of surface waters."

"As for the old strip mines," Wible continued, "state law requires operators to replace displaced earth. If the operator does not replace the displaced earth he must supply the state with the money to do the job."

Some of the old strip mines in the anthracite area are over 50 years old, Wible said, but have been reforested and barely show

### Little Known Facts In Readers' Digest

The great eye of the 200-inch Hale telescope on Palomar Mountain, Calif., brings remote suns of the universe close enough to be photographed. Celestial bodies 1,000 million light years away can have their pictures taken, says George W. Gray in the current reader's Digest. This is long-range photography, for the distance is 5,865,696,000,000,000,000 miles.

In his thousands of rounds of golf, Walter Hagen, links idol of the '20s several times scored a hole in one, but never in prize play. In a recent Reader's Digest Ted Shane tells about one of Hagen's aces. On a short hole in an ordinary match he announced he was about to make Golf's Dream Shot. "For a dollar," he replied. He drove, and the ball rolled into the cup. "Pay me, suckers!" Hagen demanded.

Scientific research is chiefly responsible for U. S. industry's great increase in output of goods per man-hour of work, says Sum-

### Urge Farm Training For Foreign Lands

Need for a broader agricultural education program in foreign countries was emphasized at the annual Cambria County agricultural extension dinner recently at Ebensburg.

"Foreign countries throughout the world could become more self-sustaining if the people were taught modern methods of farming," said George W. Schuller of Berks County.

Guest speaker at the dinner, Mr. Schuller, a noted humorist, urged Cambria County farmers to assist in a program to expand educational facilities in countries abroad, especially in Spain, Italy, France and those in the Near East.

Most of his address was centered on amusing stories dealing with farm life in Pennsylvania. About 150 persons attended. Brief remarks were made by Herbert C. Tendrup, county farm agent, and Galen Metzger, Johnstown R. D., president of the county extension association.

Group singing was led by H. C. McWilliams, retired county farm agent, and a comical skit was presented by two members of the executive committee, Mrs. Wendell Myers, Wilmore, and Mrs. Francis Holopple, Portage R. D. Edward Jones of Wilmore, former president of the organization, served as toastmaster.

### Father of Religious Dies Last Saturday

Joseph Smith of Portage R. D. 1, father of two priests and two nuns, died early last Saturday afternoon in his home. He was 84.

Mr. Smith was the father of Rev. Father Ermin Smith, OSE, and Rev. Father Julian Smith, OSE, both members of the Benedictine Order at St. Vincent Archabbey, Latrobe, and Sister Mary Matthew, both of the Religious Sisters of Mercy, Mt. Aloysius Junior College, Crosson. A native of New Germany, he

### Gallitzin Soldier Finishes ETO Anti-Aircraft Course

Cpl. Joseph Gargon, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Gargon of Gallitzin, has returned to his unit in Upper Heyford, England, after attending an Army anti-aircraft artillery school in Brigstock, England.

Cpl. Gargon, a range spotter with Battery C of the Fourth Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion, completed a course for non-commissioned officers. The school was conducted by the 22nd AAA Brigade, of which his battalion is a part.

The Gallitzin soldier entered the Army in December, 1948. He has been in England since February, 1951.

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### Combat Pay Forms For Korean Vets Now At Postoffices

More than 500 application forms to claim combat pay have been distributed to Korean War veterans in the district. The extra combat pay was voted by Congress a few months ago.

In the past few weeks since the claim forms were available 200 were distributed by the Johnstown office of Veterans Administration. Another 129 forms were handed out at Johnstown Postoffice and slightly over 100 forms were distributed in county postoffices.

Nearly 100 forms were passed out at Veterans Affairs office in Ebensburg. It was reported.

Veterans who served with units designated as combat units will get \$45 extra pay for each month they were under fire in Korea. Most have been attached or assigned to a unit which was under enemy fire for at least six days in any given month.

All applications must be processed on an individual basis. This is necessary because a combat unit one month may not be listed as such the next month.

The Defense Department said much paper work is involved in processing the applications. It is doubtful if the combat pay checks will be distributed before March, it was said.

### 50,000 Children Victims Of Spastic Paralysis In U. S.

More than 50,000 children in this country are victims of infantile cerebral palsy otherwise known as spastic paralysis.

Spastic paralysis is more devastating in its crippling effects than poliomyelitis, and claims as many victims.

Yet children thus crippled are the most neglected group of all handicapped children.

There are schools for crippled children.

There are schools for children with infantile paralysis.

There are schools for the child who is deaf.

There are schools for blind children.

The spastic child who is deaf as well as crippled is not accepted in schools for the crippled because of the hearing defect.

He is not admitted to schools for the hard of hearing because of the crippling condition.

Infantile cerebral palsy, or spastic paralysis, can be caused by anything that destroys or damages brain tissue either before, during or after birth.

After birth, the cause may be due to an injury of the head, a fall or severe paroxysm during whooping cough.

The typical spastic victim has familiar characteristics.

He will walk on tiptoes, pigeon-toed, with thighs drawn tightly together, arms fixed at the elbows, and wrists flexed, palms toward chest and fingers pointed downward.

He has a mask-like facial expression, perhaps drools, and his speech is slow, laborious, in monotone and frequently unintelligible.

Yet such a child may be of average or superior intelligence.

The spastic child deserves opportunity for adequate education.

### Sportsmen's Club Selects Nominees

Woodrow Noga, chairman of the nominating committee for the Crosson Sportsman's Club, last week released the initial slate for the group's annual election.

Russell Bendin and A. W. Wagner were named as contestants for the office of president.

Other nominees: Vice president—H. E. Wilson and Andrew Hoger; secretary-treasurer—J. H. Connell Jr.; director of youth—Charles B. Beck, Lewis Deugherty and Joseph Williams; director of game—Walter Riley and Charles Salinski; director of fish—George Myers and Walter Plasek.

Trustees—James McGuire, George Stark Jr., R. J. Dorman and A. W. Burgan; delegates to the county federation—Mr. Nagle and George Shuman.

Election of officers is slated for Dec. 15.

### Broken Leg Victim Aided By Surgical Pinning Of Bones

The patient was walking around a week after he broke his leg! Although he was using crutches, he was actually bearing weight on the broken leg.

In the past 10 years, an operation known as medullary fixation has been used by surgeons in treating fractures of the long bones. The operation consists in inserting a long nail or pin lengthwise in the marrow of the bone. Particularly in fractures of the femur, the long bone connecting the knee and the thigh, this type of fixation is most satisfactory. It is simple, adaptable and safe. It offers accurate joining of the broken parts.

The procedure also makes possible good anatomical joining of the fragments with dependable maintenance of position, and provides for firm impaction of the ends of the fragments through sources and weight bearing. Medullary fixation has many advantages over other types of treatment such as external fixation, traction, splints, plaster casts and bed traction.

In most cases, treated with the long pin inserted in the medulla the patient may begin actively moving the part on the second or third day after operation, and sometimes on the first day. Consequently, the patient begins moving about with crutches on the fifth or sixth day, with light weight-bearing with crutches on the seventh or eighth day. The usual means of waiting and non-weight bearing is eliminated and the function of the limb is maintained while healing takes place.

A mechanical man can talk about thinking, just the same as a man can think about thinking.

### CONTROL LICE

Lice on beef and dairy cattle can be controlled by linens, rags, or manure, says Stanley Good, Penn State extension entomologist. Complete directions for applying the insecticide may be obtained from your county agent.

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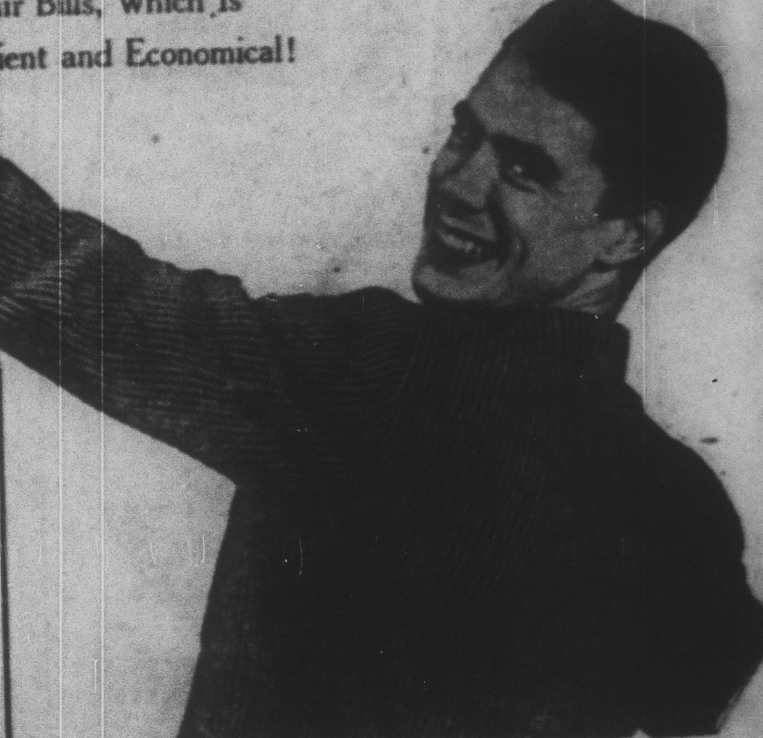
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