

Says Marriage Needs Humor

Mr. Amos Talks On T-V Program

William Amos, former resident of Dallas, appeared on the television program, "Life Begins at Eighty" Sunday evening, disturbed not a whit by unusual surroundings or the novelty of his first session with the panel. Residents who saw him, report that his bearing was as old-world and courtly as ever, and his grooming faultless.

Mr. Amos, asked what he considered a fundamental for a happy married life, replied that in his opinion a sense of humor was very important.

Questions about John Philip Sousa, whose hundredth anniversary is approaching, were directed to other members of the panel, and the origin of "Stars and Stripes Forever" brought out by Sousa's daughter. The tune came to the composer full-blown, not one of its notes later changed, while he was aboard ship in mid-Atlantic.

A note to The Dallas Post staff, mailed from New York by Mr. Amos, asked that everybody to keep fingers crossed.

Mr. Amos, at present a guest at the Sutton Home in Wilkes-Barre, remembers his residence on upper Demunds Road in Dallas with nostalgia. When approaching the age of eighty-seven, he frequently walked the three miles to Dallas, topping off this trek with the steep climb to Lehman Avenue and the office of The Dallas Post, where he was always sure of a hearty welcome. The son and daughter-in-law with whom he made his home, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Amos, have recently left the community for Florida.

Book Club To Hear Talk On How To Dry Flowers

"How to Dry Flowers" will be the subject of a talk by Mrs. May Samuels, Country Club Road, at next Wednesday's meeting of the Book Club in Back Mountain Memorial Library Annex. Mrs. George Flack, program chairman, promises an interesting program by an expert in her field.

Hostesses who will assist Mrs. H. W. Peterson and Mrs. John C. Phillips, chairmen, are: Mesdames Harry Peiffer, Charles Perkins, Earl Phillips, Paul Phillips, W. H. Pierce, J. Stanley Rinehimer, Robert Rinehimer, Howard Risley, James Robinson, Thomas Robinson, Harold Flood, Arthur Ross, H. G. Rutherford, Floyd Sanders, J. W. Schaffhauser, Thomas Shelburn, Ray Shiber and Vincent Shindell.

HERE'S HOW . . .

BUILD A CLOSET UNDER BASEMENT STAIRS

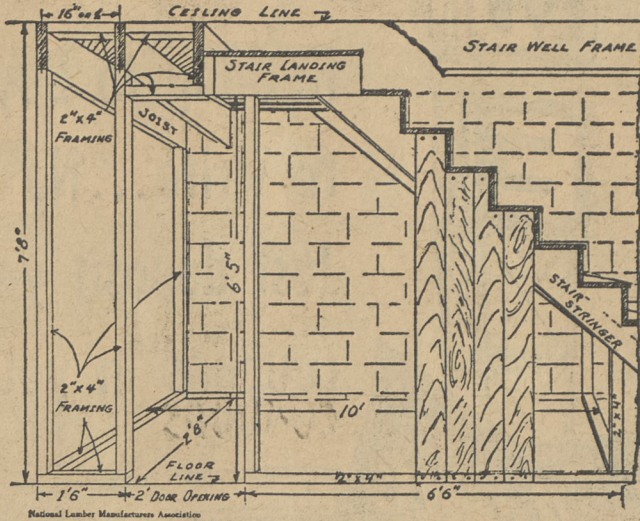
Storage space under the basement stairs can be provided by using the construction already in place. With a minimum of additional framing and paneling, a neat and attractive "extra room" is added.

A frame of 2 x 4's is made to fit beneath the stairs as shown in the drawing. The dimensions will depend upon the height of the basement and stair landing, but these are typical.

By building the frame flush with the outside edge of the stair stringer, the stringer may be used to hold the wood paneling. Closet frame mem-

bers are toe-nailed to the joists and stair framing. Tongue and grooved boards, if used for paneling, will provide a dustproof closet. Or, if plain boards are used, the closet may be lined. As a further precaution against dust, unevenness between the stairs and landing and the basement wall should be caulked.

At the lower end of the stairs, the closet should be 30 inches high. The space between this end and the bottom step may be used as a small closet, with its own door, or left open for miscellaneous storage.



Lick Run Panther Legend Recounted By Historian

Henry W. Shoemaker, Pennsylvania Folklore Chief, said today a number of people in eastern states claim that the mountain lion or panther is not extinct.

"Old times in Pennsylvania insist that the panther still lurks about, and cite many newspaper articles as evidence of its being still seen in its dark mountain haunts," Shoemaker said.

"James Bassinger, a noted trapper and canal boatman, who passed on at Lock Haven in his 88th year, had many stories to relate to his adventures with panthers on his Snyder to Warren counties. His legend of the Lick Run panther was one of his best, dating back to his first days on the West Branch Canal, which began at Farrisville, north of Lock Haven, Clinton County.

"An old woodsman named Abe Simcox shot a superb 10 foot 'painter' which he caught drinking in the Susquehanna, just beyond its junction with Lick Run. Several canals and raftmen competed for the

prize, but finally Ike Carskaddon, a Clinton county boatman, secured it for thirty dollars in shiny ten dollar gold pieces. He stuffed the giant frosted skin, and set it up in a defiant position, on the prow of his boat, Fremont, a boat without a cabin and used for hauling freight, timber or coal.

"Piled high with cargo, the helmsman could not view the bow, and the mules were guided by his twelve-year-old son, Wesley. Needless to say, the triumphal craft drew large crowds as it proceeded down stream; into regions where panthers had long faded back into more inland forests, and had become folklore legends.

"It appears that Jake Winebrenner's cat hounds drove a giant male panther down the west Mahantango, where it climbed on the flat boards of the fence which ran between the "big ditch" and river. There it walked one evening, not sure what future course it might take. Just at dusk Ike's boat, hauled by four dark brown 18 hand mules,

hooked single file, appeared, headed for Harrisburg, young Wesley riding the lead mule, the old man lounging at the stern by the tiller, a mammoth Pennsylvania lion, skillfully mounted, crouched by the prow.

"True, the hind mule had objected to this near companion, but the Carskaddon black snakes assured Danny it could do no harm. The live panther walking on the fence, was in an angry, uncertain mood, not able to make up his mind, and viewing the stuffed 'painter' on the boat, resolved to give it a battle. It seemed to be a robust male and of similar proportions. Quickly he sprang from the fence top to the craft, and struck at the silent lion's head with his heavy claws. The mounted 'painter' was nailed by the feet to the deck and took some

pretty severe pounding to come loose, but the fusillade won at last, and the Glory of Farrisville tumbled into the murky waters.

"The living panther victor, crouched in the vacated position, to figure on his next move. It was soon decided and he sprang from the prow on the hind quarters of the dusky mule, digging his cruel claws into the muscular flesh.

"The mule came wide awake, and began a panic, kicking wildly, and screaming like an injured child. By some trick move he broke off his captor's hold, perhaps not dug in deeply, and the fence having been passed, threw the live panther to the river's edge.

"Old Ike climbed over his cargo of planks, saw his stuffed panther about to plunge into the billowy waters of the Half Falls. He was

Harris With Army In Hawaiian Islands

25th Div., Hawaii—Army Pfc. Donald F. Harris, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph A. Harris, 96 Claude Street, recently took part in bat-

back in an instant, to where he kept his fowling piece, which frequently brought down tasty Trumpeter swans, and aimed at the panther now swimming for the east shore. It bobbed about so, it escaped his shots, and probably became the panther so notorious to the hog growers at the foot of lofty Mahanoy.

"It may be that this panther is the ancestor of some panthers still in existence but at any rate it did sire a legend."

talion training tests held by the 25th Infantry Division on the island of Hawaii.

The two-day test was divided into three phases—defense, night withdrawal and attack. The island is about 200 miles from the unit's home station at Schofield Barracks on Oahu.

Private First Class Narris is a driver in Company D of the division's 35th Regiment. He entered the Army in January 1954. Harris was last stationed in Korea.

Harris attended Dallas Township High School and was a farmer before entering the Army.

"A philosopher's a guy who doesn't cry over spilled milk, but consoles himself with the thought that it was four-fifth water anyway!"—Mary Mayo.



Cowboy Driving is KID STUFF

Today's holiday-crowded highways are no place for adults to drive high wide 'n handsome.

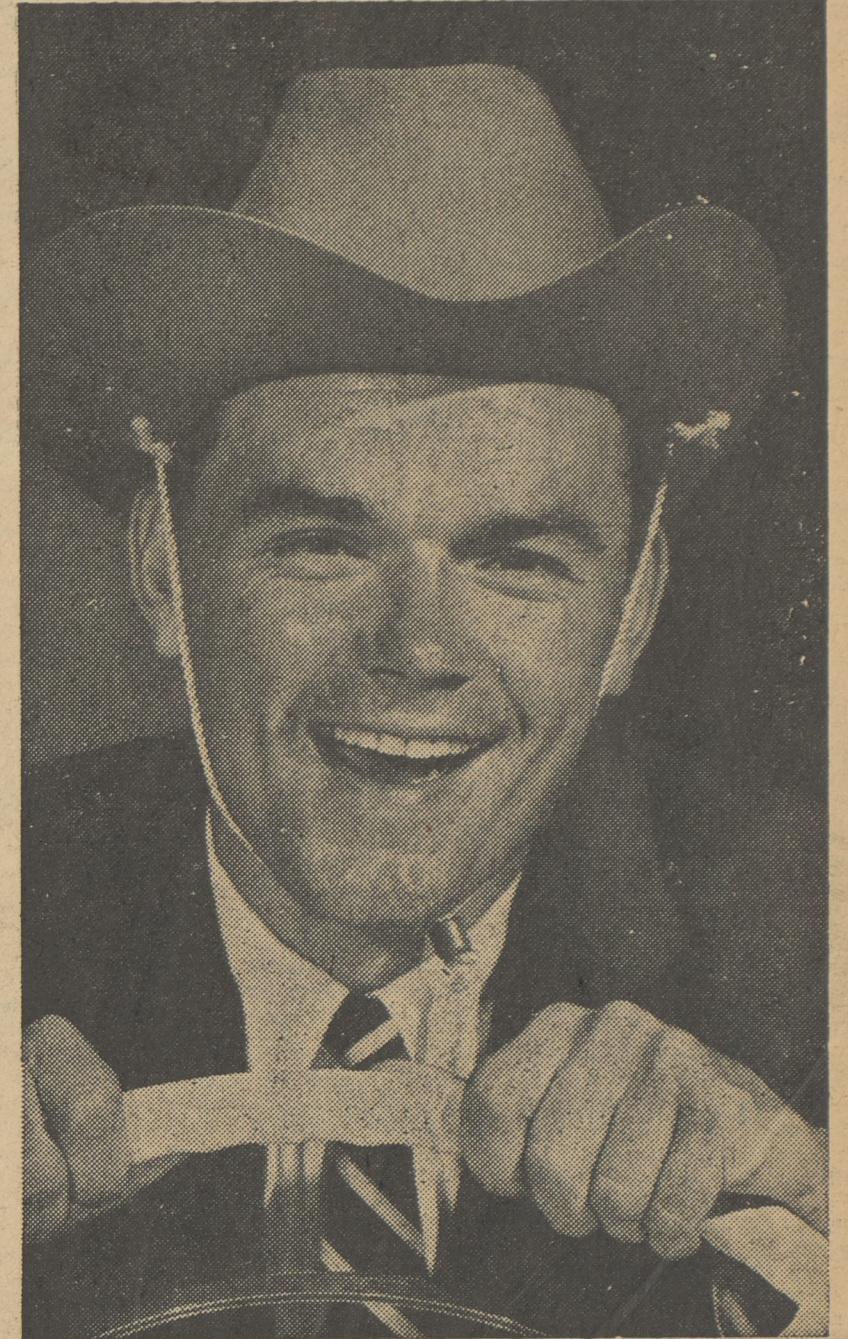
Too many drivers fail to act their age as they whoop it up toward vacationland's wide open spaces. They'll learn too late that a thoughtless swerve out of line or brakes applied an instant too late can turn a long-awaited vacation into a nightmare.

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