



FATAL COLLISION IN THE CHANNEL.

o celebrate 225 years of Lancaster newspapers, we present this weekly series of 52 front pages from throughout our history. Many feature events that would shape the course of world history. Some feature events of great local importance. Still others simply provide windows into the long-ago lives of Lancaster County residents. Make sure to check in every week, and enjoy this trip through time with LNP.



THE DAILY NEW ERA.

NUMBER 7725.

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LANCASTER, TUESDAY, APRIL 1, 1902.

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APRIL FOOL!

April Fools' Day is perhaps the most maligned of the calendar holidays. Either the joke is obvious and therefore deemed unfunny, or the joke is too good and the

fooled gather up in arms against the joker. Depending on which historical source you consult, April Fools' Day, or All Fools' Day, originated in various cultures and time periods dating back to the 16th century. Regardless of the true jumping off point, by April 1, 1902, the day was planted firmly in the heads of the editors of the Daily New Era. Though our modern eyes couldn't catch any purposefully false stories, the far right middle column of the front page mentions that at least a few hijinks were perpetrated in Lancaster:

"Being All Fool's Day, the young folks had their fun of it, and some folks not so young, either, and it is to be supposed that all the old tricks were brought into play for the purpose of the unwary."

In the 19th and 20th centuries, the newspaper business, later joined by radio and television, would hit a peak of yearly jokes at readers' expense. On an All Fool's Day circa 1845, the Boston Post broke the "news" to readers that a hidden door leading to a cave full of jewels and old coins had been discovered under a fallen tree in Boston Common. Witnesses later described townspeople from all walks of life heading to the Common with treasure on the brain. In 1923, the Los Angeles Times proclaimed in large letters on the front page that "Health Can 'Be Caught' ${\sf Says \ Savant-Just \ Breathe \ Same \ Air \ as \ Persons}$ Physically Fit, He Advises."

Not to be outdone, Lancaster has its own checkered past with pranks of different stripes. Most notorious was a 1990 article stating that a giant eagle had flown off with a small dog named Pookie.

"Searchers recovered (Pookie's) collar two days later encapsulated in a ball of hair beneath a large pine tree in the area of the attack," wrote thenoutdoors columnist Jack Hubley. Over 100 angry, confused and lighthearted calls were received within the next few days.

Some pranks, however, were just lame.

Right on the front page of the 1967 New Era, Franklin & Marshall College senior Justin Newmark stood next to the dastardly prank perpetrated on him — his car wrapped in discarded copies of the New Era, with a note attached that read: "To open; Chew along dotted line."







