

Random Items

Mrs. G. Oscar Gray, who is better known to her friends as "May," hereafter becomes the first woman we've ever nominated for membership in the Dapper Dan Club. One morning recently when a slick sheet of ice covered streets and sidewalks in Bellefonte, Mrs. Gray sailed blithely up High Street without a bit of trouble, while other pedestrians were wallowing and skidding around on the ice. The reason: Mrs. Gray was sporting a natty cane which not only helped her greatly in keeping her equilibrium but also in an excellent Christmas gift suggestion—for next year.

The Pennsylvania Railroad might enter into the New Year spirit by announcing that they will repair the space between the tracks on West High Street by pedestrians using the crossing no longer will be splashed with muddy water by passing cars.

"Bob" Heffer, editor of the Bellefonte High School's newspaper, wise-cracks: "The Age of Chivalry is gone—The Age of Chivalry is with us."

The Bellefonte Trust Company's calendar, long our friend in time of need, and our editorial guide in paragraphs about the seasons, the state of the weather, and the various holidays during the year, is being circulated but up to this time the circulation has not reached this office. If worst comes to worst we'll have to go to the bank and ask for one, for a year without the Trust Company calendar is unthinkable.

How styles change! Time was when the mention of the use of handkerchiefs as a woman's head-dress conjured up thoughts of Ellis Island and immigrants. Now any number of Bellefonte High School girls can be seen going to and from school with their heads protected from sun, rain or zero winds by nothing more than a handkerchief which somehow or other stays put. The deodands are appropriately called "Peasant Scarfs."

Local bankers report that a large percentage of persons whose notes came due in December requested permission to pay the interest only, in order to bolster the family budget for Christmas expenditures. The banks took a liberal stand on these requests.

Coincidence: Mrs. George Long, of Centre Hall, has a dog named "1937" which bears Centre County license No. 1451. Recently Mrs. Long paid a visit to her daughter, Mrs. Howard Rimming, in Ridgway, petting the daughter's dog, "Cummie." Mrs. Long found the animal bore Elk County 1937 license No. 1451.

Some observing student at the Bellefonte High School last week reported in science class that the sun has shown every Saturday for something over five years. Some Saturdays, the student declared, the sun shows only a minute or so, but it at least put in its appearance.

The Rev. Robert J. Sudlow, rector of St. John's Episcopal church, Bellefonte, had a most enjoyable Christmas, due in part, it is reported, to the fact that young Bobby Sudlow's grandfather gave him an electric train.

Some Bellefonte citizen's face is red—if he's realized his blunder at this time. Two weeks ago someone posted a batch of 25 or more Christmas cards in the local post-office. The envelopes bore only 1-1-2 cent stamps, but the flaps were sealed. Consequently, those to whom the cards were addressed had to pay 1 cent postage if they lived in the area served by the local post office or 2 cents postage due if they resided out of town.

A recent ice storm proved a bonanza for one man who resides along the Jacksonville road. The gentleman in question resides in a house overlooking a steep hill on the road, and it so happens that he also owns a truck. As luckless motorists became stranded across the road or in the ditches at either side, the man left his vantage point at the window, not in the truck and drove out to offer aid. When the evening's traffic had ended the man with the truck was \$12 to the good.

Harry Yeager, chairman of the street decorating committee of the local Chamber of Commerce reports that on Christmas night, when all trees on the sidewalks of the business section should have been in full illumination, the lights on only about 25 percent of them were turned on. He's our guess that most of the merchants, taking a well deserved rest from the pre-Christmas rush, forgot all about the tree lights in their enjoyment of the holiday.

EXTEND TIME FOR GETTING 1938 REGISTRATION TAGS
The state is giving motorists two extra weeks to obtain their 1938 license plates. The deadline, January 1, was extended by Revenue Secretary J. Griffith Boardman to January 15. He said it was "a courtesy" to many motorists who undoubtedly have not had an opportunity, because of the rush of many things over the Christmas holidays, to send in an application.

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Topics and Comment

(By Uncle Ezra)

NEW LAWS ON LABOR, BUSINESS NOW IN EFFECT

Outstanding Is Unemployment Compensation to Care For Idle Workers

ALLOWANCES BASED ON THE SALARY EARNED

Various Poor Boards Throughout the County Have Passed Out of Existence

Laws affecting labor, business, farmers and the man on the street went into effect in Pennsylvania—the first day of the new year.

Outstanding are the new laws in the department of labor and industry—part of the state's "little new deal" for Pennsylvania's working-man.

Unemployment compensation, financed by a tax on the payrolls of the state, was put through to provide additional security for the workers.

Under the law all who have worked 13 weeks or more in the past year are entitled to draw checks from the state if they are thrown out of work "through no fault of their own."

Allowances will be not less than \$7.50 a week and not more than \$15 for 13 weeks of amount based on the salary earned.

New workmen's compensation laws, providing more liberal benefits for those injured at work, also became effective. Employers do not have to operate under the law, but if they do not injured workmen may sue in the civil courts for any amount.

Many untraced operators have rejected the law and two bituminous coal companies went into court seeking to prevent enforcement of it.

New industrial occupational disease legislation also became effective January 1. Laws setting up compensation payments for sufferers from industrial diseases, under a wider classification.

In the department of public assistance—by the state's department—employees will be placed under the commonwealth's civil service. The department was set up by the 1937 legislature to consolidate relief.

The poor boards—many of them more than 100 years old—pass out of existence January 1. In their place, the county commissioners will take over the administration of "indoor relief" assistance to those in institutions and new county assistance boards take over all other forms of relief.

The health department, cooperating with the occupational disease act, starts a new investigating department to check on conditions in industry and enforce regulations to cut down on industrial diseases. The department of labor and industry will handle the compensation payments for victims of occupational diseases and the health department will set to prevent such diseases.

In the department of highways, three bills transferring 2,600 miles of township, borough and city streets to the state highway system become effective.

In addition to appropriation of \$8,500,000 of motor license fund to the department for maintenance and repairs of second class township roads and bridges was turned over the first of the year. The funds will be apportioned on a mileage basis.

The law requires board of township supervisors to drop from their 1938 budgets and tax levies provision for maintenance and repair of roads and bridges.

The department of agriculture will enforce a new produce dealers' license and bonding law, to insure farmers payment for their goods sold at wholesale on credit.

Also effective in the department of internal affairs is a law passed in 1935 (Act 97) which will require all second class townships and boroughs. (Continued on page eleven)

TON LITTER GROWN AS EXTENSION PROJECT

J. D. Poust, Lycoming county farmer, has grown eight ton liters in the last seven years, reports Lawrence C. Madison, livestock extension specialist of the Pennsylvania State College.

Poust's 1937 ton litter weighed 2160 pounds at 109 days of age. Ton litters are produced as extension demonstrations of good swine growing practices. Poust feeds the ration recommended by the College.

Steel Houses for Students

In an attempt to solve the student housing problem, agents at Wisconsin University have, as an experiment, ordered construction of two units of pre-fabricated steel houses, each of which will house from thirty to forty students at a rate of about \$3 a week. If they prove successful, the university may build a colony of these houses near the campus to replace the old-style dormitories.

Two Headed Baby

A two-headed baby girl, also described as twins with a single body, has been under observation at the all-union institute of experimental medicine at Moscow since its birth several weeks ago. The two heads and four arms of the baby are attached to a single torso with only two legs.

The pessimist usually hunts the "time" in complaint.

People and Spots in the Late News



PROTEST JAP SLAUGHTER . . . Chicago Chinese, incensed over suffering of China's civilian population and destruction of age-old treasures at hands of Japanese invaders, built this bonfire of goods made in Japan.



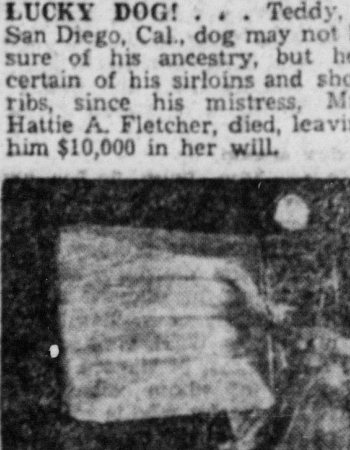
BABS BOWS OUT . . . Former Barbara Hutton, heiress to Woolworth millions, created a storm of public controversy by renouncing her American citizenship to join her Danish husband, Count Hagwitz Reventlow.



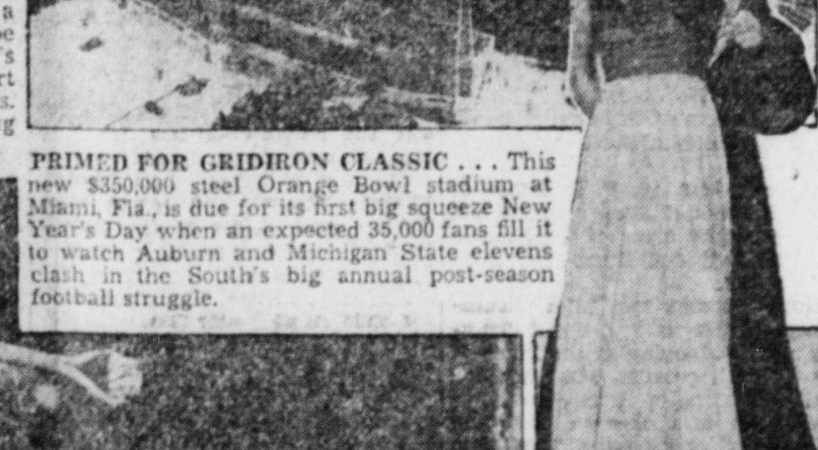
LUCKY DOG! . . . Teddy, a San Diego, Cal., dog may not be sure of his ancestry, but he's certain of his sirloins and short ribs, since his mistress, Mrs. Hattie A. Fletcher, died, leaving him \$10,000 in her will.



PRIMED FOR GRIDIRON CLASSIC . . . This new \$350,000 steel Orange Bowl stadium at Miami, Fla., is due for its first big squeeze New Year's Day when an expected 35,000 fans fill it to watch Auburn and Michigan State eleven clash in the South's big annual post-season football struggle.



BOON FOR TIRED BACKS . . . Aluminum, once so valuable that early producers kept it in office safes, is now so cheap it can be used for coal miners' shovels, according to announcement by Aluminum Company of America. The new shovel, weighing two to four pounds less than ordinary tool, may cut down weight lifted by miner in day 4,000 pounds or more.



FASHION FLASH . . . Style hit of holiday festivities in Bahamas was this evening gown with skirt of mauve chiffon and bodice of bougainvillee pink and violet, seen at the British Colonial in Nassau, favorite winter rendezvous of American and English society.

Brighter Business Prospects for 1938

Roger W. Babson, Country's Leading Authority on Business Conditions, Gives Pre-View of What New Year May Bring Forth

(By Roger W. Babson)
We are not entering a major depression; 1938 will see a resumption of the upward trend which began in 1933. The first quarter may be poor—much worse than the early months of 1937; but later in the year I look for a substantial revival. Do not confuse this current sharp recession with a major depression! Payrolls, prices, stocks, real estate, and jobs should all be on their way to new highs by the end of 1938.
This December presents a tremendous contrast with a year ago. Then, the old year was riding into the history books on a great wave of optimism and hope. "Good times" lay over the horizon of 1937. The dark years of 1929-1935 were drowned out in a hurricane of wage bonuses, dividend extras, and gigantic Christmas trade. My forecast at that time was: "1937 will be the first year of real prosperity since 1929. The entire year's gain should average seven to eight per cent above 1936."

1937 Year of Prosperity
Prosperity did come. Business did average 7 per cent above 1936. This past August the Babson chart stood at 8 per cent above normal, higher than it had been for seven years. But after Labor Day the equal, which had been brewing all year, suddenly struck. High taxes, political mudslinging, labor agitation, and thin stock markets created a tornado of distrust and fear. The result has been one of the sharpest declines on record. The Babson chart is now 19 per cent below normal.

The current gloom will continue to hurt business during the early months of 1938. But, while activity will average at least 15 per cent below the first quarter of 1937, it should not fall much below current levels. During this discouraging period, the base for a resumption of the upward trend will be laid. The Spring rally in 1933 will be much stronger than seasonal.

Good 1938 Trend
By next Fourth of July, business should have recovered from a third to a half of its late 1937 loss. The revival will pick up momentum during the second half. How far it will go is, of course, impossible to say now. Nevertheless, as a long shot, it would not surprise me if the 1937 peaks were equaled before next Christmas!

Because of the poor first quarter of the new year, the average of general business for 1938, however, will be slightly under—roughly 10 per cent below—the average for 1937. The important point next year is

WILL OBSERVE ANNIVERSARY
Former Millheim Couple to be Honored at Lock Haven Residence, Sunday
Mr. and Mrs. Perry Deabler, of 37 N. Jones Street, Lock Haven, former Millheim residents, will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary this Saturday. The couple were married January 8, 1888, at Spring Bank, by the Reverend H. B. Mason, pastor of the Evangelical church at Madisonburg.
Mr. Deabler was a miller by trade, later working for S. M. Campbell as an undertaker for eleven years. The couple moved to Lock Haven in 1917 where they have resided since both enjoying exceptionally good health. They have one daughter, Mrs. A. M. Bron, residing at Lock Haven, and also a grandson Paul Bron, of the same city.
The anniversary celebration will be held Sunday, January 9, at the home of their grandson, Paul Bron, 515 Bellefonte Ave., Lock Haven, where the house will be open to all friends of the couple who care to call on them.

Pleads For Aid; Dies
Ernest Johnson, 46-year-old World War veteran, collapsed and died a half hour after making a forty-mile hike from his undeveloped ranch in the hills around Lake Wenatchee, Wash., to appeal for aid for his starving family. Officers who responded found his wife and four children almost starved after existing on potato soup alone for a week. They were brought to town to be taken care of.

Shots at Can; Kills Rabbit
After elaborate preparations, Policeman Harry Jones of Morris, Ill., went rabbit hunting. Trudging up hill and down hill, he saw many a rabbit. Finally, deciding he must shoot at something, he aimed at a rusty gallon can and pulled the trigger. Inside was a rabbit, killed with his one shot.

State Treasurer P. Clair Ross this week authorized the payment of \$7,763,217.03 to the various counties from the Liquor Funds Fund. The checks were turned over to Secretary of Revenue J. Griffith Boardman for immediate distribution.
Today's distribution represents the counties' share of one-half cent per gallon collected on gasoline and is returned to the county in which it originated. It was all collected within the past six months.
The amount sent to Centre and nearby counties is as follows: Centre County, \$2,532,586; Clearfield County, \$39,723.31; Clinton County, \$12,227.87; Huntingdon County, \$16,427.07; Mifflin County, \$17,379.93; Union County, \$6,299.45.

FOUR NEARBY P. R. R. WORKERS TO RETIRE
Four nearby residents of Centre and Clearfield counties are among the 26 veteran workers of the Middle division of the Pennsylvania Railroad company who retired from service on December 31, it was announced by railroad officials at Altoona last week.
All have applied for enrollment on the federal railroad compensation list.
Those from nearby sections are: Martin Harnish, Wingate, Centre County, repairman; A. A. Matley, Oscoda Mills, conductor; Lloyd Stonebraker, Oscoda Mills, track foreman; E. T. Rupert, Wingate, trackman.

LOCAL R R SEEKS RATE INCREASE
Bellefonte Central Joins Other Short Line Roads For Freight Boost
Suffering a deficit in net income of \$6,328 for 1936, the Bellefonte Central Railroad Company has appealed to the Interstate Commerce Commission along with other short line railroads throughout the country, for a fifteen percent increase in freight rates.
The net railway operating income of the railroad for 1936 was \$3,281. Interest charges on the line's investment of \$95,150 totaled \$9,799 for the year.
Other revenues and expenses were as follows: Freight revenue, \$77,150; passenger revenue, \$13; railway operating revenues, \$95,234; railway operating expenses, \$76,237; railway tax accruals, \$4,239.
The Bellefonte Central is listed as a Class 2 railroad nineteen miles in length. It is one of 283 short line steam railroads demanding freight rate increases similar to those demanded by Class 1 railroads.

INSTITUTIONAL FARMERS AT PENN STATE COURSE

Superintendents, managers and farm operators of charitable, penal and educational institutions met at the Pennsylvania State College recently for their twelfth annual short course. Sixty persons attended.

R. Bruce Dunlap of the Pennsylvania Department of Welfare was chairman of the program committee. Subjects featured in the course were vegetable production, poultry management, dairy cattle breeding and soil conservation.

Among those who appeared on the program were Dean L. Watts, director of the Pennsylvania State School of Agriculture; Dr. S. W. Fletcher, director of agricultural research; William V. Dennis, professor of rural sociology; Professors Warren B. Mack, Walter B. Nisley, Jesse M. Huffington and Gerald J. Stout, vegetable gardening; Professor H. Clyde Knaedel, Ernest W. Callenbach, Dean R. Marble, and Paul H. Margolf, poultry husbandry; Professor Andrew A. Borland, dairy husbandry; and Professor Charles F. Noll and Frank C. Bamer, agronomy.

EVANGELIST HERE
Rev. Floyd L. Skinner
New Kensington Evangelist who is conducting a revival at the Forge church, just south of Bellefonte. Services are held every night except Saturday.

Sunday School Elects
The following officers were elected Sunday to serve the Sunday School of the Fillmore M. E. church for the ensuing year: Harry Spearly, superintendent; C. Ardis Wan, assistant superintendent; Mrs. Claude Corl, cradle roll superintendent; Morris Garner, treasurer; Virginia Smetzer, secretary; Kenneth Garner, assistant secretary; Mrs. Edward Smetzer, missionary treasurer; Mrs. Harry Spearly, organist; Howard Neff, chorister; Librarian, Edward Johnsonbaugh and Emmet Wittner.

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'KEEPING UP WITH THE JONESES' — Formally Introducing Scaley Simpson
By POP MOMAND

WE'RE GETTIN' PRETTY HUNGRY!! HOW ABOUT YOU UP COOKIN' SOMETHING TO EAT?

BUT BE LONG EZ WE'RE GONNA BE CABIN MATES REE A SPELL, LET'S GET UNDERSTOOD-- I AINT HERE EZ A CHEF OR A FRENCH MAID--MY BUSINESS IS FISHERY GUIDE TO J.P. EF HE EVER GETS TIME T' COME UP HERE N' FISH!!

SO YOU GIT BUSY AN' HELP WITH TH' CHORES EF YOU AIM T' STAY--'CAUSE O' SCALEY SIMPSON DON'T TAKE ORDERS FROM-- NO ONE-- WERE FEEL TH' HANDLE ON THIS HERE-- BUCKET!!

WE GOT ALL TH' COMFORTS OF HOME HERE INCLUDING RUNNIN' WATER. ONEY IT COMES FROM A SPRING--WULL SELE IT AT TH' FOOT O' TH' HILL!!