

MANY TRAGEDIES MARKED EARLY AIR MAIL HISTORY

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columns of the 400 horsepower Liberty motor roaring and shooting streamers of fire from the exhaust pipes, took off with practically nothing to guide him but a well-worn map tacked on a board in front of him. If he encountered bad weather, or if darkness fell he was at the mercy of the elements unless he was able to effect a forced landing.

The vast strides made in aviation since the advent of air mail were not achieved without a struggle or without casualties. Many are the names of former pilots who blazed air trails

plane; schools were closed and many business places closed shop to witness the unusual event.

December 26, 1918, three planes landed here, and on January 23, 1919, the Post Office Department officially took over the field as a regular stop. The Department controlled air mail until night flying was instituted when the Department of Commerce assumed control of the service.

June 16, 1919, the local field was officially opened and regular service was instituted with old government planes. Pilots received a salary of from \$2,000 to \$2,800 yearly on the early runs.

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COUNTY TOWNS TO HAVE PONY AIR MAIL SERVICE NEXT THURSDAY

Complete arrangements for the county observance of National Air Mail Week, May 12 to 21, were announced yesterday by George R. Meek, Bellefonte postmaster.

A number of towns in the county are issuing special cachets, which may be used only during air mail week. These letters will go to their destination by air mail anywhere in the United States on six-cents postage. Regular postage stamps or special air mail stamps may be used. Friday of this week every home and every mail box served by the local postoffice will receive one of the special Bellefonte cachets, or envelopes. These cachets are being provided free of charge by the local Chamber of Commerce.

Thursday, May 19, all outgoing and incoming air mail will be delivered through the county by airplane. The pony air mail service will be flown by Sherman Lutz, pilot at the State College air depot. He will leave that station about 2 o'clock in the afternoon with all outgoing mail from State College, Boalsburg, and other nearby postoffices.

Landing at Centre Hall, he will take on board all outgoing air mail from Centre Hall and from postoffices throughout the eastern part of Penn's and Brush Valley, which will be trucked to Centre Hall by the various postmasters.

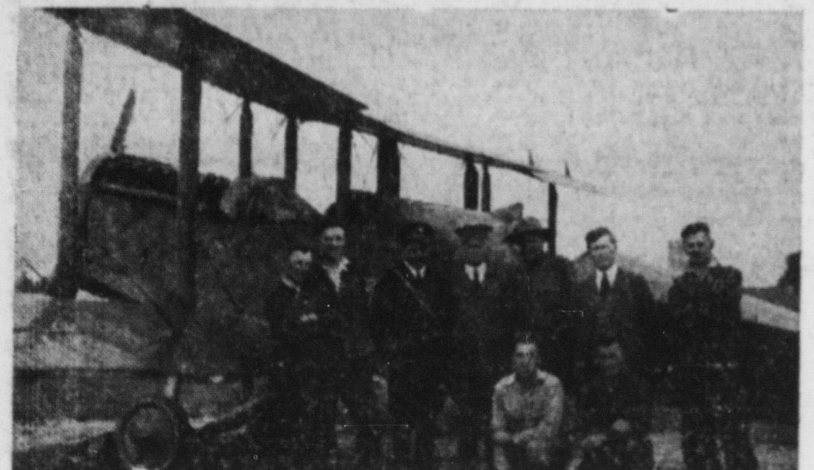
The next stop will be Bellefonte, where all air mail from Bellefonte, from upper and lower Bald Eagle Valley; and from Nittany Valley towns will be awaiting the plane. In order to make connection with the plane all mail must be in the Bellefonte postoffice not later than 1 p. m.

From Bellefonte Pilot Lutz will fly to Kylestown, where two regular mail planes will be waiting to take westbound mail to Pittsburgh, and eastbound mail to Harrisburg. At those terminals, the mail will be sorted and routed over the proper airlines.

When Pilot Lutz returns from Kylestown he will bring with him all air mail addressed to Centre County, distributing it in the same towns in which he picked up outgoing mail.

Although the county pony express will be in operation only one day, Thursday, May 19, all air mail posted during the next week will be rushed to the nearest airport by train or truck, to be placed aboard airliners.

In honor of the week, Mayor Hardman P. Harris of Bellefonte, asks all merchants and private citizens to display flags in front of their stores and homes from May 15 to May 21.



In the above group snapped in front of one of the old DeHavilland planes used in the early air mail service, may be seen Samuel Weaver, (extreme left), Niles Davis (extreme right), M. B. Kelley, second from right end, and Forrest Tanner and Earl Kline, crouched in front. All were employed at the local air field.

air travel. In addition to the mountains themselves, hazards included adverse air currents, snow, sleet and fog, all of which were great menaces to airplanes.

Lamborn, Charlton, Stover, Miller, Riers, Christenson, Leonhart, Pearson, James, Hobson and Cleveland—all made their last landing on this treacherous route, but in more recent years with the development of safeguards for planes, and with the ad-



Here's all that was left of Pilot Irving L. Murphy's plane after it fell from an altitude of 200 feet over the old Bellefonte airport and caught fire, April 18, 1920. Murphy, horribly burned, survived.

vent of multi-motored planes with long-range flying capacities, the mountain section has caused no greater number of air tragedies than any other section of the United States. In fact the far west has become the scene of far more catastrophes of the air in the past few years.

MILLER BLAZES TRAIL It was in 1918 that the late Max Miller set his ship down on the Beaver farm, east of Bellefonte, to inaugurate what was later to become regular air mail service from that field. Hundreds of persons from all parts of Centre County were at the farm to witness the arrival of the

AIR FATALITIES BEGIN

From that time on began the long list of fatalities that marked the history of air mail until better planes and better equipment made flying comparatively safe.

The first fatality occurred on July 19, 1919, when Charles H. Lamborn, the oldest pilot in point of service on the run, was instantly killed in the mountains near Unionville. Although the exact cause of the crash was never determined, it is generally believed that he suffered an attack of appendicitis while flying at high altitude, and failed to make a safe forced landing.

Next to join the martyrs to the

KEEP GINGERY IN CONGRESS



The voters of this Congressional District in November 1934, and again in 1936 elected Don Gingery to represent them in Congress. They have a pardonable pride in their selection, as evidenced by his record in all social, humane, labor, farm, veteran (including soldiers' bonus) and other beneficial legislation for the District.

He has consistently followed that great humanitarian, President Roosevelt, in his endeavor to make this nation and this district a better place in which to live and work and play.

Congressman Gingery did not go to Washington a stranger to the duties and responsibilities of a legislator. He had previously served in the Pennsylvania State Assembly, and the experience thus acquired has been helpful to him as a member of Congress.

He realized the absolute necessity of providing employment for those able to work, and actively supported and voted for appropriations of Federal funds for useful work projects. To date, this District has benefited by this legislation, through the excellent co-operation and untiring efforts of Congressman Gingery, in procuring speedy approval of these projects, in the sum of approximately \$23,000,000. This provided direct work for about 50,000 men, women and youths, and meant the construction of new schools, athletic fields, roads, bridges, streets, airports, etc., that were much needed. In addition to this, Congressman Gingery assisted in procuring an allotment of \$5,000,000 for the building program at Pennsylvania State College, a grant of \$218,680 for building an armory at Altoona, and \$96,000 for the erection of an armory in Clearfield. All are permanent improvements, secured at comparatively no expense to the taxpayers of this District.

Mr. Gingery, now serving his second term in Congress, has always had a liberal and progressive viewpoint. He has consistently supported legislation providing for old age pensions, unemployment insurance, child welfare, collective bargaining under the Wagner Labor Relations Act, Railroad Retirement Act, restoration of Spanish-American War Veterans' pensions, pensions to widows, orphans and dependents of veterans, adequate hospital facilities for veterans, Home Owners' Loan, Guffey Coal Act, a permanent CCC Corps, ownership of farm homes, and Rural Electrification.

Congressman Gingery is a member of three important committees: Mines and Mining, Insular Affairs, Expenditures in the Executive Departments. Congressman Gingery

has no outside interest or business connections, devotes his entire time to legislative duties, and renders prompt, personal service to the people of his Congressional District.

He has made good as our Representative. We know he should be kept in Congress. Our reason is aptly expressed in the words of the Honorable Clark, Speaker of the House of Representatives during the Administration of Woodrow Wilson:

"It is an unwise performance for any District to change Representatives at short intervals. A new Congressman must begin at the foot of the class and spell up. The best rule, it seems to me, is for the District to select a man with at least fair capacity, industrious and honest, energetic, sober and courageous, and keep him here as long as he discharges his duties faithfully and well. Such a man will gradually rise to high position and influence in the House." Pol. Adv.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY LISTS CASES FOR MAY COURT

Following is a list of cases to be tried at May Criminal Court which opens here next Monday.

Cyrus Houser, Lycoming County, Forgery.

Charles Spackman, Port Matilda, Rape and Bastardy.

Robert G. Haines, Philipsburg, False Pretense.

J. H. Holmes, State College, worthless check.

Harry Frelin, Philipsburg, Violation Vehicle Code and larceny.

Cases for Trial Tuesday

Byron E. Bartley, Port Matilda, Involuntary manslaughter.

John Burge, Morrisdale, Violation Vehicle Code, D. D.

Sam Hodges, Philipsburg, Assault and Battery.

James Denning, Philipsburg and Leroy Fleck, and George Poorman of Winburne, Assault and Battery.

Lawrence Shunkwiler, Edward Reed, and Theophilus Shope, all of Philipsburg, larceny.

Wednesday's List

Joseph Bradley and Patrick McGordie, Snow Shoe, larceny.

LENHART RETAINED IN COUNTY OFFICE

Lewis R. Lenhart, of East Curtin street, Bellefonte, has been named Assistant County Superintendent of Schools for the third consecutive term, according to an announcement yesterday by County Superintendent F. Glenn Rogers, of Nittany, whose recommendation for the office was approved by the county board.

Mr. Lenhart's new four-year term in the important post begins the first Monday in July, 1938. He is just completing eight years of service as assistant to Mr. Rogers. Members of the county board who approved Mr. Lenhart's appointment are: George L. Newman, Milesburg; president; Samuel Z. Miller, Philipsburg; 1st vice president; Thomas G. Stolz, of Howard, 2nd vice president; R. D. Shoemaker, of State College, secretary; and George H. McCormick, Potters Mills, treasurer. The board meets the first Friday of each month, and they acted upon Mr. Lenhart's appointment at the regular May meeting.

MARKET QUOTATIONS

Wheat	\$.75
Oats	.35
Buckwheat	.60
Rye	.60
Barley	.60
Corn	.56

Provisions, groceries, etc., as corrected weekly by Herr & Heverly.

Eggs, per dozen	18
Lard, per pound	.12

CHINA TODAY HAS NO PORTS ON HER SEACOAST

Today there are no ports on the actual seacoast of China. In ancient times so terribly did the sea rovers infest the coast that one emperor with a stroke of his vermilion brush solved the problem by ordering all his seaports to move inland 20 miles, according to the World Travel Bureau, Rockefeller Center. Vast populations and great cities were moved from the mouths of rivers by this one act. Old walls and dwellings were abandoned; new walls and properties were set up.

The old sites were used as observation points and fortresses were located near them.

Truck Crashes Houtzdale Home

Woman Narrowly Escapes Death as Heavy Vehicle Crushes Stone Foundation

A large gasoline truck went on a rampage Monday afternoon on the outskirts of Houtzdale, clipped a telephone pole and ran down over an embankment into a house, causing damages estimated to be well over \$1,000, and narrowly averting a tragedy for two persons.

William Henderson Kephart, was driving the truck loaded with 450 gallons of gasoline, from Philipsburg to Houtzdale. The vehicle edged off the right hand side of the road, side-swiped a parked car, crashed into a telephone pole, and then went over a small embankment across lawn and crashed into a house belonging to Mrs. Julia Tuch, Houtzdale.

Mrs. Tuch was working in the cellar of her home. She was doing the washing when she heard the crashes of the truck with the automobile and pole. She ran to the cellar window and looked out to see the huge orange monster coming directly at her. She sprang back just as the truck crashed into the house knocking in one side of the newly constructed stone foundation. Mrs. Tuch's laundry tubs were filled with stones and a leg of her electric washer was broken off. A shelf of quart jars were thrown to the floor in pieces. Mrs. Tuch was not injured except for a smashed toe, where one of the large rocks struck her, and lacerations of the face and arms from the broken jars and windows.

The truck imbedded itself into the house, and although the accident occurred at 2:30 o'clock it was not until after 6 o'clock that it was removed.

The whole front end of the truck was demolished. The tank moved on the frame and bulged out of shape. The cab was bent, front running gear knocked off, radiator caved in, steering broken, and frame damaged.

FOR WARM WEATHER DESSERT TRY RHUBARB SHERBET

For warm spring and summer days a cool dessert is the dish, according to M. Till, manager of the famous Gateway Restaurant in Rockefeller Center. Rhubarb Sherbet is one of his suggestions.

Here is the recipe for it: Wash and cut one pound of rhubarb in short pieces, add one-half cup of water and one cup of honey and place in casserole.

Then cover and bake in moderate (350 degrees F.) oven one hour.

Force through a coarse sieve and add three-fourths teaspoon of gelatin softened in two tablespoons of water.

Then stir until dissolved. Cool and freeze in tray of automatic refrigerator.

Regardless of whether or not the bond issue receives a majority of favorable returns at the polls, the millage in the borough will be raised from the present rate of 19 mills to one slightly higher. This is necessitated by marked reduction in tax receipts during the past 10 years. However, the expenditures for maintenance of the schools with increased enrollment, have shown a gain.

There are few men, drawing salaries of \$100,000 a year, who do not think that they are making sacrifices to hold their present positions.

—Read The Centre Democrat, \$1.50 in advance.

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To The Democratic Voters of Centre County:

Thomas Kennedy has filled the office of Lieutenant Governor very admirably since he took that office. The Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania cannot succeed himself in office and therefore a successor for Governor Earle must be chosen. In all of our well recognized business firms, it is considered good practice when selecting a successor to the head of the organization to look first to one who is second in command and if he has proven himself worthy to advance him. Why not emulate this example in the selection of a successor to Governor Earle?

Thomas Kennedy has filled the office of Lieutenant Governor in an honest, sincere and business-like manner. He had a large part in the enactment of the constructive and forward-looking legislative program which so fully carried out the State Democratic platform of 1934. When you vote to advance a man who has served the Democratic party well, you are voting regular.

GIVE THOMAS KENNEDY YOUR VOTE OF CONFIDENCE ON MAY 17th

CENTRE COUNTY KENNEDY FOR GOVERNOR COMMITTEE.

A Boy Needs Plenty of Brawn When He's Made the Team!



Assure your son the ruggedness that will make him a star player and popular with the fans.

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an important part of his diet. Give him a generous supply of Olde-Tyme bread daily.

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Bellefonte, Pa.

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CHARLES ALVIN JONES for Governor

LEO C. MUNDY for Lieutenant-Governor

THOMAS A. LOGUE for Secretary of Internal Affairs

PRIMARY ELECTION - MAY 17

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FITTED RED SOUR CHERRIES For Pies, Tarts, Desserts, etc. 2 No. 2 cans 29c

Swiss Food Drink Fancy OVALTINE 1ge can 59c PIMIENTOS 3 4-oz cans 20c

Weis Best Pastry Flour 5-lb bag 18c Potted Meats 2 No. 1/2 cans 15c For Sandwiches - Salads - etc.

WEIS QUALITY Pork & Beans 3 1-lb cans 13c

WEIS QUALITY Tomato Ketchup 2 14-oz bolts 25c

WALDORF TOILET TISSUE 6 rolls 25c

SCOT TOWELS 2 rolls 19c OCTAGON SOAP POWD. 3 pkgs 13c

TOWEL 19c OCTAGON 6 ctg 25c

Jet Oil SHOE POLISH bot 12c OCTAGON Toilet Soap cake 5c

DEL MONTE PICNIC ASPARAGUS 10 1/2-oz can 15c

WEIS QUALITY TELEPHONE PEAS 2 cans 25c

WEIS QUALITY CREAM STYLE CORN 2 cans 25c

Extra Values in Quality Meats!

Hamburg - - - lb 19c

Veal Breast to fill lb 12c

Stewing Lamb - lb 10c

Lamb Shoulder - lb 21c

LEAN Boiled Ham Sliced 23c 1/4 lb

ASSORTED Meat Loaves Sliced 25c lb