

Needs His Teeth

A loyal Canadian mumbles his hopes for a short war as he wonders how long he could hold out on soup.

Turtle Power

Anybody who sees a rowboat racing over the surface of Lake Michigan without anyone in it need not be alarmed to the extent of swearing off anything.

Thief Keeps Tally

Sheriff Walter Felger, of Fort Wayne, Ind., is looking for a chicken thief with a frustrated "business" complex.

Fooler Fooled

When Charles Willach's car ran over a blue racer, at Oskaloosa, Ia., he picked up the snake, and thinking to frighten friends riding with him, threw it on the running board.

Upsets Hospital

St. Vincent's Hospital attendants at Bridgeport, Conn., discovered a patient who persisted in swallowing test tubes and other medicinal articles which were handy.

Get Their Man

Burglars are hereby warned to steer clear of the Bullamore Brothers' general store in Somers, Wis.

Beesy Firemen

With a little cooperation, the Fire Department of Oshkosh, Wis., might have saved Henry Bertholtz barn.

Double Theme Song

Grant Ege, a Kansas City music store manager received this letter and a money order from an Iowa farmer.

Some Nerve

A prize for something-or-other goes to the man who "borrowed" a typewriter out of Judge A. E. Swyers' office at Scranton while the jurist was vacationing.

STATE COLLEGE MAN HURT

Struck a glancing blow by an automobile as he crossed the highway in front of his home on North Atherton Street, State College.

THREE ENLIST IN ARMY

Three Centre countians are among recent recruits in the United States Army, it is reported by the recruiting officer who is at the Bellefonte post office each Friday afternoon.

TO BUILD 2120 R. R. CARS

F. O. Grimshaw, manager of the Pennsylvania Railroad's Altoona works, states the shops will build 2120 cars and 25 big locomotives as part of the railroad's recently announced \$10,000,000 equipment construction program.

Coburn And Philipsburg CCC Camps to be Used for National Defense Training

Additional Building Will be Erected at Each Camp for Use as School; Skilled Teaching Help Will be Employed

The Coburn and Philipsburg CCC camps are scheduled to remain in their present location at least until October 1, and a national defense training program soon will be started at the camps to turn out not less than 75 per cent of the men for war work, it was learned yesterday.

The defense training program of the CCC has not yet been formulated, but certain of its features are known, officials say.

At the Coburn and Philipsburg camps, an additional building will be constructed for use as schools. Additional skilled teaching help will be employed. Instead of sending all motorized equipment to a centralized shop whenever it needs repair some of it will be repaired at the camp.

Even now, without a defense training program, more than half the enrollees are trained for what might be considered wartime jobs.

CCC officials emphasize that in addition to daily work, fifty per cent of the enrollees have been attending regular school classes, acquiring book knowledge and vocational training.

The U. S. Army has its eye on the CCC as the source of material for a huge Army engineering corps which will rival that of the Germans in efficiency.

CCC training in construction of roads, bridges, dams, buildings, and in surveying is good training for potential Army engineers.

Quick Action on Part of Workmen Prevents Serious Fire

Quick work last Wednesday afternoon about 3:30 o'clock prevented a barn from burning on the farm of E. E. Schmick, west of Blanchard, when a load of hay on a truck caught fire.

It was reported that some of the hay wound round the axle of the truck, setting up friction and causing the blaze. J. E. Fleisher, driver of the truck, drove it away from the barn, while others pitched the hay off along the road. The truck was slightly burned.

The Beech Creek-Blanchard Fire Company's truck went to the scene, but did not go into action.

3 Drivers Figure In Traffic Mixup

The drivers of two trucks and the operator of a sedan were involved in a collision Saturday morning in Port Matilda borough, resulting in property damage of an estimated \$800.

It is reported that information has been filed by State Motor Police at Pleasant Gap against Harold Williams, 25, of Warriors Mark, operator of a truck-trailer; Harry Hassinger, 25, of Philipsburg, driver of a coal truck; and Devon Winslow, 22, of Tyrone, operator of a sedan.

The accident occurred, police reported, as the Winslow car crashed into Hassinger's truck which had been forced aside-swiping the truck-trailer.

Hassinger sustained scratches of the face, and a passenger with Winslow, Fannie Moswen, of Tyrone, received a bruised nose, the only two injuries of the mishap.

Cow Killed by Truck

Motor police are searching for the driver of a truck which struck and injured a cow owned by Kenneth Sones, north of Washingtonville, so badly that it was necessary to kill it.

The driver served to avoid hitting a herd of cattle being driven along the road, but the machine hit one of the animals which strayed a short distance from the others. The driver continued on his way without stopping.

elderly man, apparently failing to see the car, walked out on the highway. Mrs. Musser averted the car to avoid the pedestrian but the jurist was vacationing, and failed to return it.

Members of the V. F. W. home nearby ran to his rescue and summoned a physician. Latest reports from the home are that the injured man is recovering slowly.

burned After Stroke

Judson Rockwell, 77, of Orwell, was found unconscious in his home and taken to the Packer Hospital in Sayre, where his death occurred.

Many of those who shout the loudest about prejudice have much of it.

Governments exist because the governed expect to receive benefits.

When the mail-plane flies over



ABLE RELATIVES MUST HELP

A reminder that relatives who are able to pay for the upkeep of persons on relief are obligated to do so is given out by the Department of Public Assistance.

It claims that while public funds are provided to meet the minimum needs of those who have no other source of help, those relatives who are financially able are expected now, as in the past, to assume a reasonable responsibility for meeting these needs rather than shift this responsibility altogether to the general public.

A statewide "relatives" contribution scale is used to determine the amount of contribution for which a relative may be considered responsible. All contributions specified in the scale take into consideration the amount of income, the number of dependents and the fact that increased income carries increased obligation, it was pointed out.

The Pennsylvania support law of 1937, said the Department of Public Assistance, designates the husband, wife, child, father, mother, grandparent and grandchild as legally responsible for that person's support.

STORY OF AN ACTIVE LIFE

Centre county is proud of its older citizens, and every now and then we hear of one or more joining the ancient and honorable Octogenarian Club.

Recalling changes during her lifetime, she stated that when she was a girl, it was considered perfectly appropriate for women to work in the harvest fields, and that as a girl, she and other young women, raked hay for a day (from sunrise to sunset), receiving as payment, three shillings (37 cents).

When she was young, soap powder and scouring powders were not available, and few farmers bought bar soap. Grease was saved, and when enough was on hand, it was made into soap with lye which had been made from wood ashes.

Another source of income was the making of straw hats. Rye was cut with a sickle, and the straw cut at the joints and bound in bundles for use in the making of the hats.

She has kept as a relic of her girlhood, one such expedition which stands out in her memory was when she lived in a few miles west of Bellefonte.

Edith Wolf Pocht, 77, widow of the late Congressman Benjamin F. Pocht, of Lewisburg, died Friday night following a heart attack. Pocht died March 27, 1939, while Congress was in session. He spent 19 years in the House.

John Davis, 52, takes Own Life by Shooting Near Philipsburg

Leaving a note telling of his inability to secure work, John Richard Davis, 52-year-old coal miner residing at Chester Hill, killed himself with a shotgun sometime Sunday night. His body was discovered Monday morning in the outhouse of Mrs. Catherine Courson who rents part of his home and keeps house.

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The dispute between the Clinton county committee and the State Camp was reviewed at the meeting Friday evening by the Clinton county representatives and Dr. Edward Ray Strayer of Oreland, Pa., State president of the order.

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Objecting to this method of financing the convention, the committee withdrew its bid. Dr. Strayer said arrangements would be made to hold the convention elsewhere, possibly at Harrisburg, on the dates originally set.

Unemployed Man Victim of Suicide

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Centre County Member of Governor James' Cabinet Dies After Week's Illness

John I. Thomas, of Philipsburg, Secretary of Mines, Had Served in the Department Under Five Governors

State Secretary of Mines John I. Thomas, 58, of Philipsburg, died at 6 o'clock Saturday morning in McCirk's Sanitarium, of heart and kidney diseases. He was removed from his home to the sanitarium Thursday night when his condition became worse.

Following the reorganization of the Department of Mines by Gov. John Fisher, Thomas was appointed deputy secretary of mines in charge of the bituminous region in 1927. He served in that position until 1932 when he retired because of ill health. His appointment to the James cabinet as Secretary of Mines took place in January, 1939.

He was born at Brisbit, His father, the late David H. Thomas, also served as a mine inspector under Governors Patterson and Hastings.

Mr. Thomas never married. His surviving near-relatives include his mother, Mrs. David H. Thomas, of Philipsburg; two sisters, Misses Lulu Thomas of Philipsburg, and Hilda Thomas, a teacher, of Wilkesburg, and Morris Thomas, a brother, of Johnstown.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at the home, in charge of the Rev. I. L. Clark, minister of the Baptist church, Philipsburg. State mine inspectors served as pallbearers, both active and honorary. By order of Governor James, all State offices were closed during the funeral.

Thomas was a staunch Republican and attended the Republican National Convention at Philadelphia last month, but did not take an active part in it, being already ill. Governor James' wife, the late Ada (Morris) James, was a cousin of Mr. Thomas.

CCC Camps to Remain

According to an official announcement all five CCC camps in Clinton county will continue to operate during the three months which began July 1. These camps are at Loganston, Hyner, Cooks Run at Renovo, State Camp at Westport, and Farandville.

Mill Hall Man Hurt At Work

Victim of Accident Suffers Injuries to Body and Arms

John Huey, 45, is recuperating at his home in Mill Hall from severe injuries sustained recently while working on the WPA project on Weaver street at that place.

Mr. Huey was sweeping screenings when one of Claster's huge trucks of Lock Haven backed steeply, hurling him down the steep grade where he rolled over several times before he was helped into a nearby car by fellow workmen.

His injuries included lacerations and bruises about his body and arms. State Police investigated the accident immediately.

Retired Minister Dies In Hospital

Rev. John J. Weaver Served Lutheran Pastorates in County

Rev. John J. Weaver, of Millheim, a retired Lutheran minister, died at the Lewistown Hospital at 9 o'clock Sunday morning after a short illness.

Born in Pine Grove Mills, Centre county, June 20, 1876, he was the son of the late John A. and Alice Musser Weaver. He was married to Maude M. Landis of Altoona, May 29, 1906, who preceded him in death June 2, 1938.

Before his retirement, Rev. Mr. Weaver served in the following parishes: Aaronsburg (pastoral charge), Everett, Harrisburg (pastoral charge), and Rebersburg (pastoral charge). He was Spanish-American War veteran, serving with Company E, Fifth regiment, P. V. I.

Members of the family include a daughter, Mrs. C. C. (Frances) Frazier, Oysterburg; a son, Rev. J. N. Weaver, Ashland; one grandchild, Josh A. Weaver, Ashland; and the following brothers and sisters: Mrs. M. L. Musser, Altoona; Mrs. Harry E. Cufellall, Syracuse, N. Y.; Mrs. Warren Conrad, Warriors Mark; Edward L. Weaver, Duncansville; Mrs. Daisy Plummer, Harrisburg.

Interment was made Tuesday-afternoon in Millheim cemetery.

Keeping Cool in Hot Weather

A timely article checkfull of advice for summer comfort, by an eminent authority on household efficiency. Don't miss this helpful feature in the August 4th issue of The American Weekly, the big magazine distributed with the Baltimore American. On sale at all newsstands.

Old people never have understood young people; why expect a miracle?

Most astonished man of the week: Henry Thorbeck, of Almena, Wis.—when he tuned in on the Democratic convention, his radio burst into flames.

Unluckiest man of the week: Harold Jackson of Marissa, Ia.—while he was standing on top of a step-ladder with his hands full, his suspenders broke.

Dumbest dumb animal of the week—turkey gobbler in Moultrie, Ga., that tried to hatch seven potatoes and, when given seven eggs, pushed them out of the nest and went back hatching the potatoes.

TOUGH ASSIGNMENT:

This department commends the Bellefonte School Board for courageously handling an urgent and difficult matter in a thorough-going manner. Last Wednesday the board met specially to consider reports of improper conduct against a teacher by a CCC camp member. Both the accuser and the accused were questioned minutely in regard to the alleged acts and since neither of them could offer anything but their own statements as evidence, the investigation boiled down into a matter of believing one side or the other. Because no reason could be advanced why either of the persons involved might have been testifying falsely, the board did the only thing it could do fairly under the circumstances—give the accused the benefit of the doubt.

FREE ADVERTISEMENT:

In response to an S. O. S. issued by this department last week Clifford Hess, proprietor of the Hess Billiard parlors at formerly, Hood's, on West High street, called to inform us that old-fashioned clay pipes for blowing bubbles are on sale at his establishment. The pipes are most satisfactory, the youngsters report, and we're happy to inform the public that they can be purchased for the nominal sum of two for a nickel. We might add, in dismissing this matter, that it pays to advertise.

THE REV.'S HAT:

In the financial report of the Bellefonte Academy Alumni Banquet held May 18, 1940, at Pittsburgh, is this expense item: "Rev. Charles Boving, Replacement of Hat, \$5." Sensing a good item for this column, we instituted a probe to learn what had happened to the Reverend gentleman's hat. Former Judge Fleming, costmaster at the dinner, and James R. Hughes, in whose honor the event was held, both supposed that the hat was lost. But there's no fun in that. Suppose, for example, it developed that his hat had been thrown playfully from a window of the banquet hall in the William Penn Hotel. It might have been used to take up a collection for the waters. It could have been the victim of an amateur magician's broken egg trick. Any number of things could have happened to make good reading. But, drat the luck, he apparently just lost the hat, and there's nothing more to it.

WAR:

This department has a desire to write something pithy and important about the war, but the subject is so broad we haven't been able to nail down a portion small enough to cover in this corner. As time goes on we have an increasing desire to know just what goes on among the common people of the countries Hitler has conquered. You never hear what the masses are saying or doing, which, we suppose, is one of the "blessings" of Hitlerism.

FINGERPRINTS:

We didn't know until Saturday that police had found legible fingerprints in the Faye Gates car and on the stone with which she is believed to have been beaten to death. May they haven't, but in a petition to Court asking that the Commonwealth be required to produce "real evidence" against the accused slayer, Richard Millinder, Defense Attorney Lewis Orvis Harvey lists among the items, fingerprints, alleged to be Millinder's, found in the car and on the stone. At a hearing August 5, the Court will decide whether or not the defense will have an opportunity to examine the evidence before Millinder's trial in September.

CONVENTION:

Bellefonte firemen are making a strong bid to have the 1941 district convention held in Bellefonte—for the first time since 1907. They have the assurance of hearty support from many other towns in the district, and it is probable that during the summer of 1941 Bellefonte will (Continued on page six)

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