

OBITUARY

MISS ANNE P. SHAFNER.
Miss Anne P. Shafner, granddaughter of the late Jacob B. Thomas, of Bellefonte, and well known here through frequent visits with her cousin, Mrs. John P. Lyons, of West Curtin street, died Friday, June 6, 1941, at her home in Summit, N. J. She was a daughter of Charles and Anne P. Thomas Shafner and was born in Philadelphia. Survivors include a sister, Mrs. Howard B. Bishop, of Summit, N. J.; and aunt and uncle, Mrs. James B. Lane, of East Linn Street, Bellefonte, and Clifford S. Thomas, of Potters Mills, and two cousins, Mrs. Lyon, and Miss Grace D. Mitchell, both of Bellefonte. Interment was made near Philadelphia.

MRS. JAMES R. IRWIN.
Mrs. M. Edna Irwin, aged 63 years, 8 months, and 9 days, and wife of James R. Irwin, died at 9 o'clock Wednesday, June 5, 1941, after a several days' illness. Mrs. Irwin was born September 25, 1877 in Potter township, a daughter of Adam and Sarah J. Weaver Krumrine. She was married June 25, 1907 to James R. Irwin, who survives with one sister, Mrs. C. W. Swartz, of State College. She was a member of the Boalsburg Lutheran church and was past president of the southern district of the Rebekah lodge. Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at Koch's Funeral Home, State College, with Rev. L. J. Kaufman officiating. Interment was made in Boalsburg.

FRANK R. THARP.
Frank R. Tharp, eminent carpenter, died at 7:40 o'clock Friday morning, June 6, 1941, at the Danville State Hospital after a year's illness with a complication of diseases. He had been a patient at the hospital for two months. Mr. Tharp was a son of Daniel and Isabel Rinehart Tharp and was born in Snyder county April 2, 1869, making his age at time of death 72 years, 2 months, and 4 days. He had been a resident of Centre county since his youth. Surviving are his wife, Regina Gettig Tharp, two sons, Paul H., of Lemont, and James W., of State College; a daughter, Mrs. Clifford Jodon, Bellefonte, and a brother, Percival Tharp, of Spring Mills. Mr. Tharp was a member of the Lemont Evangelical church and of the Boalsburg I. O. O. F. lodge. Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at the Goodhart Funeral Home, Centre Hall, with the Rev. W. K. Hosterman officiating. Interment was made in the Zion cemetery.

SAMUEL R. BENNER.
Samuel R. Benner, of Decatur, Ill., died in the Macon County Hospital May 8, 1941, of heart trouble from which he had been suffering for more than a year. A son of Harry and Elizabeth Benner, he was born at Rock Forge, March 30, 1869, making his age at time of death 72 years, 1 month and 6 days. In August, 1894, he was married to Miss Dora Fritts, of Illinois, who died in 1916. He is survived by three daughters, Miss Laura Benner, of Decatur, Ill.; Mrs. P. R. Johnston, of Bethney, Ill.; and Mrs. Kenneth Wilson, of Rockford, Ill.; also four sons, I. H. Benner and Fred Benner, of Decatur, Ill.; C. L. Finkley, of Ill.; and Ross R. Benner, of Mt. Vernon, Ind. He also leaves two sisters, Mrs. Cyrus Gearhart, of Milesburg, and Mrs. Lloyd Womer, of Axemann, and a host of friends here and in Illinois. He was a member of the Methodist church. Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon in Moran and Sons Chapel, with burial in Hamton cemetery near Kirksville, Ill.

HUGH C. HAYES.
Hugh Conley Hayes, a prominent resident of Mackeyville, died at his home Wednesday, June 4, 1941, after a lingering illness. Mr. Hayes, well known throughout his community for his wide interests, had been ill for over a year and had been a patient for several months at the Lock Haven and the Geisinger Memorial Hospitals during that period. Son of William and Isabella Conley Hayes, members of two of the oldest Nitany Valley families, Mr. Hayes was born March 30, 1870, in Mackeyville where he lived all his life. As a young man he attended Juniata College and Ohio Northern at Ada, O. During his active years he was a member of the Mill Hall Presbyterian church where he served as president of the board of elders for many years. He was also

president of the Mill Hall Cemetery Association, was a director in the Mackeyville Water Company and a director of the Dairyman's Herd Improvement Association. Surviving him are his wife, May Everhart, one son, Hugh Conley, of Lock Haven, and the following daughters, Mrs. Helen Hayes Nicholson, and Miss Anna, Lakeville, Conn.; and Mrs. Raymond Furst, Mackeyville; also several grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Funeral services were held at the home, Saturday at 2:30 p. m., with the Rev. John S. Lonsinger officiating. Interment was made in Cedar Hill cemetery.

Pioneer Fought Convoys

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he showed her, with a mermaid on it, that an Irish privateer, named Moore had given him, when dying to deliver to his sweetheart, and Almada was eternally hunting for the dark beauty.

The wife of one of the old Scotch pioneers was fond of telling Mrs. Miller of a beautiful mermaid in Galloway whose favorite haunts were the banks of the Nith and Orr and the edge of the Solway sea, which adjoins the mouths of these rivers. The mermaid occasionally made friends with human beings of her own sex, giving them recipes for salves which cured many diseases mortal women were heir to but mermaids exempt. Though possessed of these gracious qualities, yet when a serious premeditated injury was offered her, she was immediately awakened to the same sure revenge as sent the "Bismark" to Davy Jones' locker.

A farm woman, of devout Calvinistic leanings, felt that something should be done to drive away this helpful yet heathenish spirit. A deep and beautiful pool formed the mouth of Dalbeatty Run, by the Orr water eddy, was a beloved residence of the mermaid.

As the old lady put it, "In the first come of the moon she would seat herself on a block of granite worn smooth, at the brink of the pool, comb her hair, admire herself in a piece of mirror, and deliver the prescriptions for her ointments to those whom she designed to take notice of.

The farm woman, in a frenzy of religious zeal, after neighbors gave her quotations of Pastor Knox's sermon on heathens, heaved the smooth rock into the bottom of the deep pool. Not only that, but she began gumping noxious weeds and barnyard filth into the pool until the stream was polluted, and the mermaid departed forever, putting a spell of misfortune on the woman and her family.

"The mermaid was treated like she do the trout today, by pollution of our streams," the old lady remarked.

During the years of Captain Almada's achievements, James Lick, Pennsylvania's first and greatest philanthropist, who gave California the Lick observatory, was operating as a privateer in Latin American wars of independence off the west coast of South America, according to elderly historians of his native Lebanon county. Strangely enough, the Lick family coat of arms is Andalusian, and James Lick's own appearance was decidedly Spanish.

TWO KILLED ON WAY TO LEGION SESSION

A station wagon in which six Legionnaires of McKean county were riding crashed into a pole on a curve on Route 220, five miles north of Bedford, early Sunday morning, killing two and injuring the others.

The men were headed for a meeting of the Grand Cheminots, State Forty and Eight Society, at Altoona. All six were thrown out of the machine.

Fatally hurt were John J. O'Connor, 47, and Leo P. O'Connor, 46, both of Bradford.

Wins in Competition.
Among 27 men who scored highest in competitive examinations for a 9-month course in the Pennsylvania Game Commission Training school were the following in Division E: James A. Brown, of Renovo; Jack L. DeLong, Loganton; George H. Burdick, and Allen T. Studholme, Smethport.

RECENT WEDDINGS

Emert—Barnhart.
William Emert, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Emert of Mill Hill, and Miss Helen Barnhart, daughter of Harvey Barnhart of Curtin, were united in marriage on Memorial Day afternoon at the parsonage of the Church of Christ at Mill Hill by the Rev. William Verner Nelson and are now residing at Curtin. Attending the couple were Mr. and Mrs. George Spanier of Blanchard, the latter a sister of the bride. Mr. Emert is employed by the Bellefonte Lime Co.

Haagen—Berry.
Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Berry, of Lock Haven, announce the wedding of their daughter, Dorothy M. Berry, to Cyrus W. Haagen, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Haagen, of Snyder. The wedding took place in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, on Saturday, May 31, 1941, with Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Haagen, parents of the groom as attendants. The bride wore a blue lace dress with white accessories and the groom wore a gray suit. The bride and her attendant wore a corsage of pink and white roses.

Durkins—Phillips.
Miss Hazel Alma Phillips, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Phillips, Howard, R. D., and William Edward Durkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clair Durkins of Monument, were united in marriage Saturday, May 31, 1941, at the home of Mrs. Dell Gurtin, by the Rev. R. J. DeBoer, pastor of the Church of Christ. They were attended by Mr. and Mrs. Russell McCloskey also of Monument. Mr. Durkins is a member of the Harbison Walker Reformatory plant. The young couple will make their home at Monument.

Stiver—Woods.
Miss Olive Mae Woods, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Woods, of Phillipsburg, became the bride of William Harvey Stiver, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Stiver, of Bellwood, at a quiet ceremony solemnized Saturday evening at 10 o'clock at the main street home of the bridegroom's parents, Rev. E. G. Dooley, pastor of the bridegroom, officiated at the service which was attended by relatives and friends of the couple from Tyrone, Fort Matilda, Warrior's Mark, Blue Knob and Claysburg. An informal reception followed the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Stiver, following a wedding trip to Niagara Falls, N. Y., and points in Ohio, will be at home to their friends in the near future at a Main street apartment in Bellwood.

PHILADELPHIA ATHLETICS TO PLAY AT WILLIAMSPORT

Connie Mack Night will be observed at Bowman Field, Williamsport, Friday, June 13, when "the grand old man of baseball" who recently celebrated his seventy-eighth birthday anniversary, will, at 8 o'clock p. m., present his Amazing Athletics of the American League in their annual exhibition game with the Williamsport Grays of the Eastern League.

Always this is a gala event, "packing 'em in" at Bowman Field, but it will have special significance and interest next Friday on account of the Athletics' unique showing in this season's championship race. From a lowly second division place they have forged ahead to become a threat in the league.

In addition to Connie Mack, the local fans will greet two former Grays, Al Brancato, shortstop, and Lester McCabb, pitcher, who have become regulars in the A's fast-traveling aggregation.

U. S. COAST GUARD ENLISTMENTS MODIFIED

The Baltimore Recruiting Office of the U. S. Coast Guard located in room 627, Post Office Bldg., Baltimore, Md., now has an unlimited quota for apprentice seaman and mess attendants, third class, for the month of June.

To be eligible for enlistment an applicant shall be not less than 18 or more than 31 years of age. A person over 31 and not over 40 years of age, who has had previous service with the Coast Guard, Navy or Marine Corps, and whose discharge was under honorable conditions, may be enlisted if otherwise qualified and the length of such previous service is equal to or greater than the excess of his age over 31 years. Credit will be given in this connection, for previous service in the Navy or Marine Corps. Men of the Coast Guard discharged under honorable conditions in the rating of radio men, seaman, or fireman may enlist in the same rating held at the time of discharge.

Bank President Named.
William L. Helm was elected by the board of the First National Bank of Katie to succeed W. S. Calderwood as president. Calderwood had served as head of the bank for 45 years and now is a member of the board.

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THE WAR IN EUROPE

While it is entirely useless to attempt to predict events in connection with military activity during the remainder of 1941 it might not be a waste of time to survey the situation and take a look-see at the possibilities.

German success in capturing Crete undoubtedly paves the way for a serious effort to drive the British out of the eastern Mediterranean and will encourage the Nazis in any designs that they have against British power in the areas around the Mediterranean.

The lulls that follow successful offensive efforts cause some people to lose sight of the never-ceasing Battle of the Atlantic, where we are inclined to believe the Germans have had considerable success. Of course, the British losses have not crippled the fighting power of the empire but they have forced the people to accept great sacrifices.

Ship Losses Weaken British

The continuing loss of merchant shipping is a problem that becomes more serious as the cumulative effects of the sinkings force drastic restrictions on imports and compel the reduction of empire shipping services. The United States, it is evident, is taking steps to relieve British shipping of many duties in order to make additional shipping available for the North Atlantic.

The campaign of Germany against the ports and shipping of the British Isles has been a more pronounced success than was generally expected. It is a menace that will continue until the shipyards of this country produce the new ships that will meet the needs of the war. Every ship that goes down means the loss of valuable cargoes and there is a point where the failure of these supplies to reach England will amount to a catastrophe.

Anything Can Happen in 1941

Now that the present purpose of Germany seems to be directed against the life-line of the empire, through the Mediterranean, it may be well to consider the possibility that Hitler is hopeful that the British will divert a substantial portion of their defense strength to this area. It will mean additional weakening of the home defense forces in the British Isles.

Hitler's plans in 1941 may yet include an all-out assault upon the English coast, designed to conquer the British before American supplies can be produced much less delivered in great quantity. Steadily, the German Fuehrer has made

progress in lining up the nations of Europe and even the President of the United States in his fireside chat, admitted that the Nazis "have the armed power... to occupy Spain and Portugal" and, maybe, the French territories in Africa.

In considering the course of the struggle from this time on it is necessary to calculate the possible course of Russia, France, Japan and the United States. Of these nations, our own is the only source of strength to the British. Japan is an active ally of Hitler, France is probably a secret ally and Russia is acting as if the Soviet were in the same class.

U. S. Action May Decide War

When we look to the future, we must not overlook these powers. The United States is a source of great future strength and if the British can hold their island fortress long enough, the immense material resources of this country will decide the war. Just the same, the contribution that Japan and France can make to the purposes of Hitler are by no means negligible.

Germany, it appears, is looking ahead to the great struggle that will decide the mastery of the oceans of the world. Admiral Raeder, of the German navy, says that "the final struggle will not be easy, for we have to defeat England's power at sea." Before the war began the commander of the Nazi

navy declared that "all wars will be settled by sea power."

Germany is now supreme upon the continent of Europe. Her huge army and vast air corps make her the master of all lands, unchallenged by any force available against her. Yet even with this success, the German leaders press on for greater gains. The explanation is to be found in their realization that access to the oceans of the world must be secured, or the triumphs of the Nazi will come to nothing.

Sea Control Eludes Hitler

Hitler is today leading his people, not against any European nation, but toward the open seas, because the successful and permanent establishment of his regime requires access to the raw materials of the world. Control of the seas is necessary to Germany if she hopes to maintain her gains and the defeat of the British is a necessary preliminary to this goal.

It is a clouded picture that appears upon the Nazi blackboard. Great victories have led to a situation where the English stand between Hitler and his dream of world domination. Now, a new development makes it clear that if the British go down, another nation, youthful, vigorous and endowed with almost supernatural resources, is ready to stand guard on the high seas and, if necessary, accept the challenge of Hitlerism.

Recalls Kidnap Attempt

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and the Americans started a quick retreat.

In feeling, one soldier seized an ash tray as a souvenir, and when the men made their way back to their units this bit of loot led to their discovery. Complaints were made to the state department that Holland's neutrality had been violated.

Finally the case reached Gen. John J. Pershing, commander-in-chief of the American armies. How he disposed of it was not revealed.

Are in Art Exhibit

Three Lock Haven youths have entries in the sixth annual art exhibit, "Young America Paints" to be held from June 7 to June 22 at the American Museum of Natural History in New York City. They are Robert Allen, Roy Brungard and William LeBaron. The theme of this year's exhibition is "What They Love Most in America."

Beaver Trapping Excellent

The 1941 beaver trapping season was the most productive since 1937, the Game Commission has announced. Total catch was 1,195, with Warren, Forest and Elk the most productive counties.

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