



THE OFFICE CAT

"A Little Nonsense Now and Then, Is Relished by the Wisest Men"

Tragedy

"I've lost!" the sergeant shouted. "As he staggered up the stairs, "I only held two axes."

Elmer Hears From the Folks at Home

Hog Hollow, Pennsylvania.

Flying Cadet Elmer Dumbjohn, Randolph Field, Texas. Dear Son Elmer: I got your letters about how good you were doing. I am so glad for you. Now, son, it is fun to know you are ground-looping in a plane, but it seems to me your commanders would soon give you a chance to ground-loop in the air for a while. You won't never learn to aviate if you just do looping on the ground—or will you?

I was glad to hear you say that you are riding with the flight commander and the lieutenants and the captains so often. I want you to associate with the best people so keep on doing things to call their attention and you get something fast I know. Don't you care if the other kaysdets do you jealous.

You said in your letter that you were code signalling—don't do too much of that—remember you shouldn't say things in code or they might think you are one of them 4th or 5th colonels.

You say ground school is tough. I don't see why. You know so much about the ground here on the farm I can't see why Texas ground could be much worse. I guess you are just jittery when they ask you questions. Tell them right off, don't stutter—you've helped Paw with the plowing on the low hill and if you don't know enough about ground it is high time you did. And any way I'd like to know why they insist on you knowing ground work when you're supposed to be up in the air all the time.

And flying without a hood. You say they just gave you one of those hoods for flying this week. I would have worried awful if I'd known you were flying all this time bare-headed in the cold—I could see you get your cap with the folding earmuffs on it. My, what chances they do take with you boys—you could get a bad carache.

And, son, never sass the sergeant, because he knows more than you do. And besides he may be bigger than you. And during target practice, don't point your gun at the General. Generals are apt to be a little fussy. Always wake up when the bugler bugles.

So remember what I say now. Remember to remove the hand-grenade from your hand before saluting. Write soon and I remain, Your loving MAW.

P. S.—Is Snuffy Smith in your division?

SLIPS THAT PASS IN THE NEWS

Oregon—"News has been received here from state penitentiary that Pat Jones, sentenced last winter by Justice Wilt, to pay the supreme penalty in the electric chair, saved his life today by dying of pneumonia."

Ashtville—"Mr. and Mrs. John Starr are the proud parents of a baby girl born to them Saturday evening. The exercises and program were held in the M. E. church."

Mt. Hewitt—"Church Dinner: The ladies of the Parish will hold a dinner next Thursday. Roast beef, 50c. Children, 25c."

Chicago—"Wanted: Companion, housekeeper, widow of sixty. With improvements."

Adams County—"For Sale: Cider. It is easy to get now. It will be hard later. Roadside Stand, Route 459."

Lansdale—"Unfurnished Rooms for Rent: Inexpensive. Landlady and house neat, but bare. Phone at once."

Florida—"Lost: Working man left pants with wallet and savings on parking meter post on South Miami Beach. Reward."

South Carolina—"For Sale: Real estate, 75 acres; nice woods and warm climate; good house, damn sight better outside than inside."

A Christmas Tragedy

When Guy Baughman, manager of the A & P Super-Market, received the following note, he thought it was from a Fifth Columnist trying to give information to a foreign agent:

"Dear Grocer Mans: I sann my boy Jims ure stoar for-git 6-pounds shaker, one yezezik, boddie fanello, one bak pasky flower so tm go bak inchel-foot kik. He poot yezezik in hint picket and set on it so sqwoze all to peaces. He spal shuger and brok fanello boddie. I sann him bak ure stoar for 10 cents bakery-made kookoots kik. Pieze give sutch. I good no bak inchel-foot kik for net got no stoff pasky flower and he forgit to fech it home. He leave on ure conder and is good sox maybe spal dot too."

Inevitable

A wealthy old woman who was very ill sent for her lawyer to make her will.

"I wish to explain about the disposition of my property," she said weakly.

The lawyer was sympathetic. "There, there," he said. "Don't you worry about it; just leave it to me."

With resignation the old woman said: "I suppose I might as well—you'll get it anyway."

Sweet Innocence

Mrs. Youngbride (at phone)—"I want a ton of coal sent up, please." Dealer—"Yes'm. What size?" Mrs. Youngbride—"I didn't know coal came in sizes. Now, let me see. I wear a No. 3 shoe and a No. 6 glove."

In Proper Order

Woman—"I want to get a divorce from my husband." Lawyer—"What are your charges, madam?" Woman—"What are your's first?"

Good Boy

Father—"Young man, can you support my daughter in the manner to which she is accustomed?" Supton—"Yes, sir. You see, I use Listerine tooth paste and the saving is something wonderful." (Not an ad.)

Current Joke

Woman (telephoning)—"I'm asking for more electricity over here, do you understand?" Answering voice from West Penn office—"Certainly, ma'am, more power to you."

Everything Reduced

Advertisement in mid-western newspaper: "Ladies' Skirts, one-third off. Ladies' bathing suits, reduced to nothing. Ladies' Dresses, open all day Saturday."

That's all, folks. See you in the army. —"SCAT."

Fire Damage \$3,000 was lost, along with hay and farm implements. The only water available was in a well, and this was low. It was conserved so that if the house caught fire, there would be some means of battling the flames.

J. M. Keichline Insurance Agency. One of the Oldest Agencies in Centre County. ANN W. KEICHLINE, Representative. Temple Court Phone 190

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SNYDERTOWN

Church notes for Jan. 4: Sunday Church school at 9:30 a. m. No worship service this Sunday unless otherwise notified. We had one of the latest Communion services in the history of the church Sunday evening.

There were 82 present at Sunday school Sunday morning. Let's have more next Sunday.

The following were elected as members of the church council on Sunday evening and installed later in the evening in the Snydertown Lutheran church for 1942: Ralph Grove, Willard Truckenmiller, Mrs. Earl Willard Truckenmiller, Mrs. Earl Peck, Miss Jean Walizer, George Harshberger, John Beck, Mrs. Howard Ardery, Miss June Rogers and Adam Fravel.

The councils of the three churches of the Lutheran charge met at the Snydertown Lutheran church on Sunday evening to organize, and later the evening met as a joint council to organize for the year 1942.

Melvin Fravel has secured employment at the Titan Metal Manufacturing Company plant at Bellefonte.

Miss Mary Lou Keller and Joseph Keller spent Sunday at the Harvey Lutz home.

Mrs. Nevin Stover and son Donnie, spent Friday evening at the Harvey Lutz home.

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RECENT WEDDINGS

Creedon-Wilkinson. Miss Dorothy Wilkinson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wilkinson of North Spring street, Bellefonte, and Joseph Creedon, of Conneville, were united in marriage at a quiet ceremony performed in Harrisburg, Friday. There were no attendants. After a wedding trip to New York City and to Conneville where the couple were for New Year's Day, Mrs. Creedon returned to Bellefonte to continue teaching in the Spring street school until the end of the school year.

Fravel-Hayes. Mr. and Mrs. John G. Hayes of Hubersburg, announce the marriage of their daughter, Laura Elizabeth Hayes, to Melvin Dorman Fravel, son of J. Adam Fravel of Hubersburg. The wedding was solemnized by the Rev. Paul J. Keller, Friday, December 26, at 9 p. m. in St. Mark's Lutheran church, Snydertown. The bride wore a two-tone powder-blue and black ensemble and was attended by Mrs. Melvin Yarnell, who wore a teal blue dress. The bridegroom was attended by Melvin Lutz home.

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mother was attired in a beaded sea silk dress. After the ceremony a reception was held at the Nittany Country Club for the immediate families and a few intimate friends. The bride is a graduate of the Bellefonte High School and Penn State College, class of 1939. She is now a member of the faculty of the Pottsville High School. Corp. Wray was graduated in 1939 from the Penn State school of metallurgy and was employed by the Carnegie-Illinois Steel Company in Duquesne until being summoned to army duty. He is now in the Quartermaster's Division at the Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Aberdeen, Md. Mrs. Wray expects to continue her teaching position until her husband has terminated his period of service with the army.

Wolford-Spearly. Betty Spearly, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Spearly, of Bellefonte, R. D. 1, and Pvt. Allen H. Wolford, son of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Wolford Sr., also of Bellefonte, R. D. 1, were united in marriage Friday, December 26, at the Methodist parsonage, Stormtown, by Rev. David A. Downing, Jr. The couple was accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tresler, of Lemont. Miss Spearly is a graduate of State College High School class of 1940 and is employed at Penn State College. Pvt. Wolford, a graduate of State College High School class of 1939, has been in the Army since October, 1939.