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SECOND SECTION

Two Children Have Narrow Escape From Drowning In Waters of Cold Stream Dam

Twelve-Year-Old Boy and Younger Brother Rescued After Crashing Through Soft Ice; Lewis Mayes Proves Hero

The prompt and heroic work of one man forestalled a tragedy at Cold Stream Dam, near Philipsburg, Sunday noon, when two resident children nearly lost their lives by drowning after they fell through the ice while skating.

Steve Kolosky, 12, and his younger brother, George, went through the soft ice into the deep channel of the dam. Their sister, Agnes, was skating with them but she did not fall into the water.

The two children were rescued by Louis Mayes, who lives near the dam. Firemen were called to the scene but the rescue was effected before their arrival.

Mr. Mayes had been working and had just come home and taken his heavy work shoes off and was sitting down eating his dinner. The kitchen door was open and he heard the screams of the children.

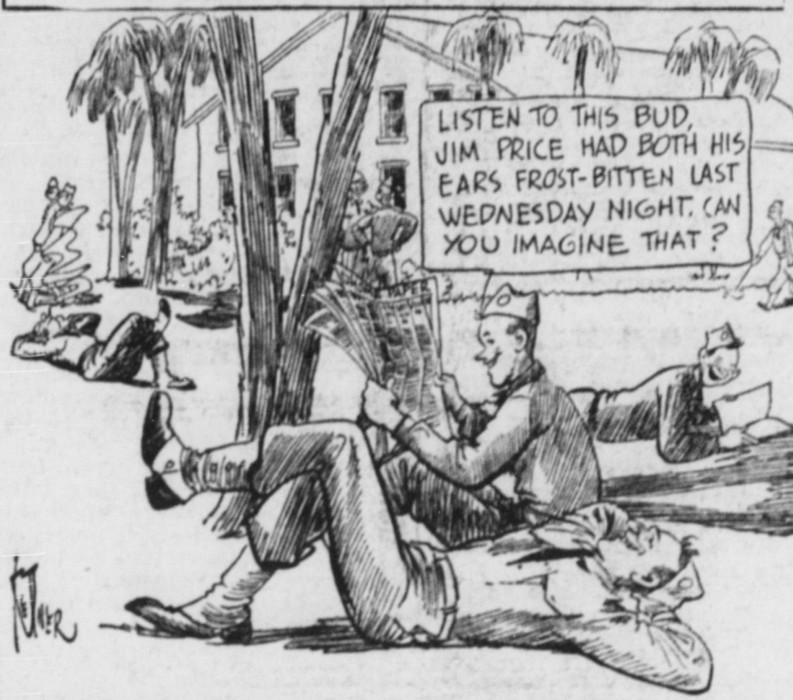
Looking out the door, Mayes saw the two heads bobbing in the deep water of the channel as the three children lustily called for help.

Mayes immediately called to a family member to phone for the firemen and he dashed behind his house and picked up a plank about 25 feet long and sprinted down the hill in his stocking feet and raced to the spot where the children had gone through. He reached them with the aid of the plank supporting their weights on the thin, water-covered ice. His wife sent a length of rope down for his use.

When the trucks and firemen arrived on the scene, Mayes had already pulled the two from the cold water. Mr. and Mrs. Steve Kolosky, the parents of the children, live within sight of the dam and they were among those attracted there by the excitement. They hurried their children home where changes of clothing and other steps were taken to prevent sickness. Mayes, who was drenched in the rescue, also lost little time in getting out of his wet clothing.

The Navy estimates that it needs 360,000 pounds of turkey to celebrate a holiday.

Fair and Warmer



STICKERS GO ON WINDSHIELD

A minor tempest in a teapot subsided peacefully during the weekend when State officials decided that despite a Pennsylvania law prohibiting the display of any stickers other than official inspection stickers on the windshield of cars, it would be permissible for motorists to attach the small Federal auto tax stamps to windshields.

The auto stamps must be placed either immediately beside or at the top of the inspection stickers, it was decided, and State Motor Police were instructed that such practice is permissible. Word of the ruling was received by Deputy Internal Revenue Collector, John M. Boob, of Millheim, whose office is in the Bellefonte postoffice.

Carole Lombard, Screen Star, 15 Army Fliers and Air-Liner Crew Die in Crash

Big TWA Skyliner Crashes on Mountain Near Les Vegas, Nev.; Pack Trains Toiled Down Slopes With Bodies of Victims

Down tortuous snow-covered trails grim-faced rescuers with pack trains trudged laboriously Sunday to bring out the bodies of twenty-two victims who were hurled to death Friday night in the flaming crash of a giant luxury airliner atop jagged, 8500-foot Table Mountain of Las Vegas, Nevada.

Aboard the airliner were Carole Lombard, wife of Clark Gable; the screen actress's mother, Mrs. Elizabeth K. Peters, Otto Winkler, her publicity agent; two pilots, stewardess, and 15 army air fliers.

Miss Lombard, 33, was returning from Indianapolis with her mother, Mrs. Peters, and Otto Winkler, publicity man. She had gone there to help sell defense bonds. Her husband is chairman of the actors' committee which assigns motion picture stars to assist the United States Treasury in bond sales over the country.

Miss Lombard, born in Fort Wayne, Ind., had volunteered for the trip to her home state. She sold \$2,500 worth of bonds in one day Thursday.

The army fliers aboard the crashed luxury liner were members of a ferry command returning to the Pacific coast for new assignments. They boarded the plane at Albuquerque, where four other persons were put off to make room for the pilots.

Besides the fifteen Army fliers, the dead included the plane's pilot and co-pilot, Capt. Wayne Williams, of Reseda, Calif., and Morgan A. Gillette, of Los Angeles, and stewardess Alice Getz, of Glendale, Calif.

Capt. Williams, a veteran T. W. A. pilot, was at the controls. He recently had been transferred to the Albuquerque-Los Angeles run from Kansas City.

T. W. A. said he gave no hint of trouble; that the only message received from him after he left Albuquerque was a routine report. Visibility and weather conditions in the area were reported good.

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WHAT THEN?

Seeing where the government is contemplating withdrawal of pennies and nickels from circulation to make the metal in them available for war needs. In that event Bellefonte's parking meters, which operate only on pennies and nickels, would be about as useful as a battleship on Spring Creek.

Substantial: The soldier's monument at Milesburg, which of late has become a favorite "target" for motorists, was completed just 20 years ago. It is 16 feet high and at the base is eight feet square. On each of the four sides are bronze tablets bearing the names of soldiers who fought in the various U. S. wars.

Round-up: Since this is the beginning of the new year we invite readers to send in suggestions for the future conduct of this column. We've been blundering along in our own way, knocking here and praising there as we have seen fit, and letting the chips fall pretty much where they wanted to. We're open for suggestions.

GNASHING: The term "gnashing of teeth" has had a real meaning for us since last week. Shortly after the press began its run last Wednesday night a bolt came loose and dropped into some coals. The resulting gnashing of teeth not only sounded like the end of the world, but made some of the edition a half-day late in getting into the mails.

WE LIKE THE RED: According to Bellefonte borough officials there are now three kinds of parking meters in town. The ones with aluminum heads, ones with green heads and ones with bronze heads. They all vend parking space on different terms. It remained for a local newspaper, last Thursday, to publish a piece about the meters with red heads. We immediately felt slighted, for we felt that borough officials were not playing fair. They hadn't told us about the red ones. So we called around and investigated. As a result we learned that there are numerous attorneys, by the two county judges and Judge Albert W. Johnson, of the Middle District, United States Court.

The deceased was one of the early members of the Ross Club and a founder of the Williamsport Country Club. He was a life member of the Sunbury Lodge, B. P. O. E.

Following his retirement as stenographer of the Lycoming county courts, he went to his former home at Sunbury where he had served a term as chief Burgess from 1906 to 1909.

His wife died in 1925. Surviving Mr. Burrows are two daughters, Mrs. Harriet Norwood and Miss Winifred Burrows, and a son, Francis G., all of Sunbury.

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at St. Matthew's Episcopal church, Sunbury, of which the deceased was a vestryman for 25 years. The Rev. Wayne M. Wagoner, pastor, officiated, and interment was made in Pomfret Manor.

UNIONVILLE MAN HAS FINGER BADLY CRUSHED Joseph Mitchell, of Unionville, underwent treatment at the Centre County Hospital dispensary, last Wednesday, for an injury received while working at the State Highway Department garage in Bellefonte.

Mitchell was assisting in removing a trailer from a truck when he had the fourth finger of his left hand badly crushed.

Relieved of Duty Col. Samuel B. Wolfe of Lewisburg, regimental commander, has been transferred from field duty with the army at Camp Shelby, Miss., to the station complement. Although a physical check-up at a New Orleans hospital had shown him to be in perfect physical condition, the change was made in accordance with War Department instructions to transfer all over-age officers with field units.

Second Crash Death Mrs. Dorothy Hoffman, wife of Rudolph Hoffman, of Millville, who died enroute to a hospital, following an accident in which their car and a truck collided, near Berwick, survived her husband only a few hours, dying of her injuries in a hospital, to which she had been admitted.

To Close Feb. 16 Schools, taprooms and liquor stores have been ordered to close February 16 when Pennsylvania will register 840,000 men between 20 and 44 years of age for military service under the selective service act.

Detector: There's nothing old-fashioned about Centre Hall's crew of airplane spotters. The listening post is located in the basement of the Centre Hall-Potter Township High School, and when spotters found it most uncomfortable and lonely standing out in the weather these raw nights, one of them who is electrically inclined, went to work. He built an electric listener, designed much like the devices used in the army. The thing is more sensitive to airplane motors than the human ear, and spotters merely sit inside the school with an ear tuned to the receiver. When a plane is still five or six miles away they get the hum of the motor, which is ample time for them to get up, don their coats, and get outside. By that time the plane has come into view and they can record the data.

TO ENFORCE BLACKOUT LAW An ordinance fixing a maximum penalty of 30 days imprisonment or a \$100 fine for violation of rules and regulations covering "blackouts" in Sunbury in the event of enemy air raids, has been given approval of the City Commission. The ordinance is the first of its kind passed by any community in Central Pennsylvania. It is patterned after a plan adopted in Virginia and has the endorsement of the league of third class cities of Pennsylvania.

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Arrest Man As Draft Dodger

Altoona Junk Dealer He Was "Too Ill at Time" to Register

Charged with failing to comply with the selective service registration act, Morris Getz, Altoona junk dealer, was arrested Thursday morning by an agent of the federal bureau of investigation. Getz is the first draft dodger reported from Altoona area.

Getz admitted the violation because he was "ill at the time," and unable to register October 16, 1940. He was placed under \$1,000 bond for federal court.

Unmarried, Getz said he would plead guilty to the charge in court and would also register for army duty if given the opportunity.

Boxer Kills Self On Way to Camp

Young Athlete Lies on Rail Before Fast-Moving Freight Train

Stanley Kraskiewicz, of near Berwick, whose parents thought he was enroute to join the army last Thursday, deliberately placed himself beneath the wheels of a fast-moving freight train. The young athlete, who was known throughout the Wyoming valley under the boxing name of Stanley Lucas, took his own life, the coroner reported.

Kraskiewicz first waded into the Susquehanna river, intending to drown himself, but heard the train coming and decided on death beneath its wheels. A fully-clad army barracks bag lay on the roadbed near the track. A railroad ticket to Camp Wheeler, Va., was found in the dead man's pocket.

Furniture Burns While Being Delivered From Philipsburg Store

Forrest C. Rapsey, veteran Philipsburg drayman, had a new experience last Friday when a truckload of furniture he was hauling burned on his truck without his knowing it. The Philipsburg Daily Journal says: "Forrest C. Rapsey, veteran drayman, had a new experience last Friday when a truckload of furniture he was hauling burned on his truck without his knowing it. "Piker" was delivering a living-room suite, bedroom suite springs mattress, and rugs to a family in

Emporium from the Adelman and Ratowsky store. He reached Woodland before he discovered he had a roaring fire on the back of his truck. Driving through several communities he attracted considerable attention but he did not think anything about it until a woman driver in Woodland blew her horn and flagged him down. She pointed to the back end and Rapsey and Brown, his helper, looked back and saw the blazing furniture.

Offers Tires To Government

The operator of a fleet of trucks in Coalport, Clearfield county, has offered to the government some of his reserve stock of tires. "I am the owner and operator of a small fleet of trucks," he wrote the State Rationing Administrator. "For the past eight years I have always carried in reserve a fairly good supply of truck tires. At the present time I have several truck tires on hand, some of which I may not need for six months. My motive for writing this letter is to ask if some of these tires would help the government at present and they could replace them later when I need them." The writer's name was not disclosed.

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Buggy Business Picking Up

One of the nation's few remaining buggy manufacturers viewed the tire and automobile pinch with pardonable equanimity. Owner Edward Knapp, of the Standard Vehicle Co., Lawrenceburg, Ind., went so far as to say: "The horse and buggy days are coming back again." He has orders for more than 500 buggies and his payroll is the largest since 1919—ten men. Recently he received an order for 500 buggies, knocked down from a mail order house.

Never Too Old To Marry

A marriage license was issued recently at the Snyder county court house, Middleburg, to Francis Clin-

SO-THAT'S THE LAW

AIR RAID LAW—New York City has just enacted a law to enforce the orders of "duly authorized persons," during air raids. Under this ordinance, the people must obey all orders of these officials or else face a \$500 fine or six months imprisonment term. Also forbidden by the law is the raising of any false alarm. The ordinance has been criticized because it does not specify exactly whose orders are to be obeyed during an air raid alarm, but New York's battling Mayor, Fiorello H. LaGuardia has said that this is an emergency measure which will probably be amended in the near future.

MILITARY STATURE—A new invention upon which a patent has recently been granted makes use of a whistle to keep men standing erect. This device, which is attached to the abdomen by means of a corset or straps, automatically whistles or squeaks the moment the abdominal muscles relax and the stomach sags.

LEGAL LAUGH—Two lawyers were discussing a case when one said: "Do you know the strangest thing about the state laws against fighting?" "What do you mean?"

JAPANESE MILITARY TRAINING—Under the laws of Japan every young man goes into military training for two years when he reaches the age of twenty. After that he is liable for military service until he passes forty. And they have been doing this for years.

ON THE WAR-PATH—The Six Nations of the Iroquois Indians will probably soon take the war-path against the Axis as a result of a court decision. Several members of these tribes claimed that they are not subject to the Selective Service Act because they are not citizens. (In spite of this many of their braves have already volunteered for the Army.) The Indians asserted that ancient treaties with the United States gave them independent status and that the law of 1924 making Indians citizens invaded their

rights and disregarded their treaties. One brave fought the Selective Service Act in the Federal Courts and lost. A declaration of war against the Axis by the Six Nations is expected.

WILLIE vs. ROOSEVELT—Did you know that Willie once sued Roosevelt for \$1,386.67? Yes, the case of Edward Willie vs. James J. Roosevelt, was tried in New York in 1902. The suit was on a note made by a third person. Although Roosevelt claimed that the note was unsigned, Willie won the case. Roosevelt appealed to a higher court, which ordered a new trial. On the second trial Willie won again—and again Roosevelt appealed. Unfortunately the records do not show who finally was the victor. We hope it was Willie—it would sort of even up the score.

WELL, there is no law against fighting in the State of Matrimony. Cats—in Trenton, N. J., several years ago, a man sued his wife for divorce because she kept fourteen cats. He claimed that he had 50 cats, but his wife had had 100. Another complaint was that his wife spent the greater part of the household money on the animals. Does he deserve a divorce?

DEAD—May the legally married wife of a living man marry another? Yes—if the husband is under sentence of death, even though he has not yet been executed. The law says that such a man is legally dead.

THE HUMAN INTEREST SIDE OF LEGAL ODDITIES By Elliott H. Marrus

Poultry Raisers To Convene Here

Interesting Program Has Been Arranged For Public Meeting

Poultry men and women of Centre county will gather at the Court House at Bellefonte on Wednesday, January 22, according to an announcement by County Agent R. C. Blaney. A very interesting and instructive program has been planned by a special committee of poultrymen.

10 a. m.—A practical Poultry Disease Prevention Program. 11 a. m.—Poultry as an Important Part of Centre County Agriculture. 1:30 p. m.—Adjustment in the Feeding and Management of Our Poultry Flocks to Meet the Present Emergency. 2:30 p. m.—Business Management and Record Keeping for Centre County Poultrymen.

Speakers on the above subjects will be Mr. C. O. Dossin, extension poultry specialist, and Mr. E. L. Moffitt, farm management extension specialist.

It is the wish of the speakers that written questions be deposited in a "question box" which will be placed in the rear of the room. They will be glad to answer any questions relating to poultry, farm management and record keeping.

The committee is anxious to make this day a worthwhile poultry occasion.

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County Schools Share \$32,257.09

Amounts Represent Reimbursement For High School Tuition

Approximately 1000 school districts in 65 counties share a total of \$1,428,474 in state aid approval, last week by Auditor General F. Clair Ross as reimbursement for high school tuition paid during the 1940-41 school year. Payments to Centre county total \$32,257.09, to be distributed as follows:

Table listing school districts and their respective reimbursement amounts for high school tuition.

To Take Nickels and Pennies Lessing Rosenwall, chief of the OPM's Bureau of Industrial Conservation, made the statement that there was a possibility that pennies and nickels might be taken out of circulation to conserve metal for war needs.

Birmingham Man Takes Own Life

Kills Himself With Shotgun in Kitchen of His Home, Saturday

Forcing his three-year-old son to the rear porch, Samuel R. Nell, 29, killed himself with a shotgun in the kitchen of his Birmingham home Saturday afternoon. Huntingdon county deputy coroner E. Blair Shore was quoted as ruling his death a suicide.

Neil, a collector for the Consolidated Home Specialties Company of Altoona, placed the muzzle of the shotgun in his mouth and fired, police said. No reason was given. Neil's father-in-law, A. J. Stewart, found his body after the Neil baby whimpered to a neighbor, "daddy's hurt."

Born May 26, 1912, in Tyrone, he was a son of Edward R. and Elizabeth H. (Thomas) Nell. He was married May 13, 1936, at Birmingham, to Charlotte Virginia Stewart. Members of his family include his parents, who reside in Altoona, his wife and one son, Samuel, Jr., of Birmingham; four brothers and four sisters.

Mr. Nell was a member of the Birmingham Methodist church.

JOINS AIR CORPS Harold Spotts, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Spotts, of State College, R. I., has been accepted as an enlistee in the U. S. Army Air Corps and left Monday for Harrisburg, going from there to Jefferson Barracks, Mo. For some time Spotts had been employed by the Piper Aircraft Company at Lock Haven.

Miss Tyrone '39 Is In Hospital

Injured in Collision of Automobiles at Bald Eagle, Saturday

Miss Tyrone of 1929 is a patient in the Philipsburg State hospital following an automobile accident near the Triangle.

Miss Kathleen Singler, 19, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Singler, suffered a severe laceration of the nose when the car in which she was riding crashed into another 14 mile south of Philipsburg at Bald Eagle, at 1:30 o'clock Saturday morning.

Miss Singler was a passenger in a car driven by Coleman Welch of Tyrone. They were traveling towards Philipsburg and struck another vehicle, stopped on the highway, when they attempted to pass it.

State Motor police reported that the car on the highway was driven by Hayes Cassidy, Sandy Ridge. Police reported that Cassidy had motor trouble which forced him to stop on the road and that Welch collided with him as he attempted to go around. Police estimated damage to the two cars at \$200.

Hurt in Freak Wreck Helen G. Cramer of Conington, Tiooga county, is convalescing from injuries received in an unusual accident. The rear right dual wheel of a big beverage truck came off, and struck a car on the street, then bounced back across the roadway and struck the child. The other wheel went through the window of a garage, broke a wall clock and landed in a wash room.

