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POOR JUDGMENT Two colored men, brothers, were recently arrested in New York. One was charged with stealing \$825 worth of camera equipment from the FBI and the other with trying to sell it to two detectives.

GOOD PERCENTAGE Police of Parsons, Kas., are irritated more than a little at absent-minded motorists who keep clogging nickel parking meters by using the wrong coins. But they're rather reluctant to do anything about it. The misfit coins—hang it all— invariably are dime.

FAIR WARNING A negro maid in the home of Howard J. Curtis at Mobile, Ala., was followed into the house by a small dog. She turned to the animal and said: "What are you doing in here?" At that remark a burglar broke from an adjoining room and fled, dropping his loot.

ARGUMENT NO GOOD Applying for a permit to buy new tires for his 21-year-old jalopy, a Washington resident argued that his car was used for the "wholesale" transportation of food. But—he didn't get the permit.

SMOKED TOO MUCH (?) William Klinek, of Philadelphia, who always smoked a cigar "the first thing in the morning" died Sunday at the age of 162. Klinek, a retired cabinet maker and carpenter, attributed his long life to a daily breakfast of longy pudding.

STIRRING NEWS A safe at Anderson, S. C., took cognizance of the sugar shortage with this sign, posted to patrons could see it: "Go Easy on the sugar bowl, and stir like hell! We don't mind the noise."

Logan Men Arrested Harry Keller and Dale Ruddy, both of Logan, R. D., pleaded guilty to charges of larceny this week at a hearing before Alderman M. J. Lipce. They are being held in \$500 bail for court. The pair was arrested by Constable David L. Probst following numerous instances of gasoline theft in Logan and vicinity and in Green township. Keller was arrested earlier but the case was postponed until authorities apprehended his accomplice.

Fire Threatens School Only the early arrival at the high school at Berwick of the building superintendent prevented a serious fire. When he entered the building at 5:30 he discovered that a fire in a ventilating shaft had burned a hole through the floor of one of the rooms. A cigarette was blamed for the fire, against which an extinguisher was used. The room is used for night school.

Park Robberies Pennsylvania Motor Police are investigating a series of robberies and attempted robberies at Edgewood Park at Selinsgrove. Six amusement stands were entered, after the lock on the amusement building had been entered. No money was secured, but at one stand between 75 and 100 records were taken from phonograph machines.

Man Freed in Theft Charge The jury in the case of Robert F. Ungard, 54, Selma resident accused of taking about \$7 worth of meat from the Morrison Abattoir last fall, acquitted him in the Clinton county court after deliberating an hour Thursday. Costs were placed on the prosecutor, M. Morrison.

Buy Defense Bonds now!

Russia Winter, Hitler's Alibi Adolph Hitler addressed the Reichstag and the people of the German nation on the ninth anniversary of his rise to power, Friday, but failed to promise victory this year. In previous speeches he had promised victory to the German military powers in 1941. "I do not know," he said in the course of his extremely lengthy oration, "whether the war will end this year." He declared that Germany was far ahead of the United States in taking care of its workers, all of whom, he claimed, have liberty and work. "But," he warned, "the Democrats have the entire world. One bad harvest for us means disaster. They have as many raw materials as they wish." Hitler covered the whole course of history from the middle ages un-

Prophet Saw Defeat of Nazis If you believe the Eighth Century prophecies of St. Odilia, the present war will end only when Germany is invaded. And Hitler's armies lose confidence in him. The Rev. J. O. Stack, O.M.I., has become an authority on the forecasts of St. Odilia, the blind daughter of a Frankish lord who became a nun and founded a convent. About 700 A. D., she wrote a letter to her brother, predicting aerial warfare and a period of terror. She wrote: "It will be the time when Germania will be called the most belligerent nation on earth. There will spring from its womb the terrible warrior, who will undertake war on the world. The conqueror will

Williamsport Soldier's Unheeded Warning Might Have Saved Pearl Harbor

Military Citation Sought for Joseph L. Lockard, Whose Advice of Approaching Japanese Planes Was Disregarded

According to information just released, a different story might have been written about the Pearl Harbor tragedy had the warning of a young Pennsylvania soldier been taken seriously. Private Joseph L. Lockard, 20, of Williamsport, Pa., was the soldier who detected Japanese planes approaching Pearl Harbor while practicing at the listening device the morning of December 7, only to have his warning disregarded. According to Representative Harnes of Indiana, the information was furnished him by the War Department, at his request, and that he had written President Roosevelt urging a citation for Lockard. The report of the commission headed by Justice Owen J. Roberts of the Supreme court, which disclosed the incident, identified the list-

Former Student Safe By Miracle

Member Penn State Naval Training Class Relates Harrowing Experience

A miraculous escape from the U. S. S. Oklahoma, torpedoed at Pearl Harbor in the Japanese attack of December 7, was described in a letter received at the U. S. Naval Training School at the Pennsylvania State College. Ensign A. H. Mortensen, U. S. N. R., who was a member of the first naval training school class at Penn State, wrote that the Oklahoma was "really blitzed" that she capsized in about seven minutes with a number of torpedoes in her side.

Pointing out that practically all his worldly possessions were lost, including his certificate for completing the course at Penn State, Ensign Mortensen requested that a new certificate be issued and sent to him.

Hit-Run Victim Seriously Hurt

Pete Karp Found Lying Along Road By Passing Motorist, Sunday

Salvia "Pete" Karp, 35, of Beccaria, is in a serious condition at the Phillipsburg hospital after being knocked down at Beccaria Sunday night by a hit-run driver. Karp, found lying along the road by a passing motorist, received a fractured skull, brain concussion, fractured right leg and lacerated left leg. His recovery is reported as doubtful.

Japan seems to be bent upon winning the war right now, but the trouble with the Far Eastern situation is that the United Nations will keep on fighting.

Killed While He Takes Off Chains

Clouded Windshield Blamed For Fatal Accident Near Irvona

Radiator steam which clouded the windshield of a motorist was blamed for the death Monday near Irvona of 55-year-old Mike Leshnovich, of Irvona, who was killed while taking the chains from his car. Phillipsburg motor police, who investigated the accident, said Leshnovich was struck by a car operated by Arthur Killion, also of Irvona. Leshnovich, who received a fractured skull, had parked his car partly off the highway while he was changing his chains when Killion traveling in the same direction as Leshnovich's car, rammied into the car, fatally injuring Leshnovich and damaging his car, police reported. Police said Killion claimed steam coming from his radiator obscured the vision on the right side of his windshield and that he failed to see the parked car or the operator.

GIRL HURT IN WRECK ON SANDY RIDGE ROAD

Jean Collins, Chester Hill, near Phillipsburg, was slightly injured on Sunday afternoon on the Sandy Ridge mountain road 12 miles south of Phillipsburg, in an automobile accident, motor police reported. Miss Collins, a passenger in a car operated by Vera LaRide Mills, 19, of Sandy Ridge, received slight lacerations when the car rammied into the rear end of a car operated by Anzejo Romano, 62, of Tyrone. Motor police said Romano had stopped his car to help another car out of a ditch when the accident happened. Total damages were estimated at \$75. No other persons were injured.

The Oldtimer



NO ORCHIDS AT STATE

Corsages may be a thing of the past for undergraduate social events at the Pennsylvania State College. According to Thomas J. Henson, of Harrisburg, co-chairman of the Philadelphia, co-chairman of the senior ball, those who attend this function will be asked to give their girls defense stamps instead of the traditional bouquet. In place of the floral adornment the committee will suggest that the young ladies wear red white and blue ribbon. Buying a Defense Stamp is be-

SO--THAT'S THE LAW

KEEPING THEM PURE--In 1919, a bill was introduced into the New York State Assembly which would require all women to be in their homes at 10 p. m. It never became a law. In Kentucky there is an ordinance which forbids a member of the fair sex to enter a saloon without permission of her father or mother. They are the "weaker sex," you know. WHO'S A PUNK?--May a private call a lieutenant a "punk"? Evidently he can in the Naval Casbah at Annapolis. Private O'Connor was acquitted by a court martial after using such language to his superior officer. HEAVEN--In 1962, Virginia passed a law which provided that babbling women should be punished by ducking. The law-makers of Colonial Massachusetts were also wise men. They provided the same duck-

Tyrone Man May Be Jap Prisoner

Rev. Carl Eschbach, Missionary to Philippines, Unheard From

Rev. Carl Eschbach, son of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Eschbach, of Tyrone, is believed to be a prisoner of the Japanese army in Baguio, northern Luzon, in the Philippines. Although the Japanese are known to have taken over on December 27, the territory where Mr. Eschbach is engaged as a missionary with the United Brethren church, his wife, the former Miss Ruth Myers of Tyrone, who is now in Detroit, Mich., with their three children, received a cablegram from New Year's day stating he was safe and well. No word has been received since that time. Rev. Eschbach is a graduate of Tyrone High School and of Otterbein College, Westerville, Ohio. He was ordained to the full ministry in the United Brethren church in the Philippines, where he has served as a missionary for the past 12 years. Mrs. Eschbach and the children were in the Philippines until about two years ago when a son suffered from an eye injury and was taken to a hospital in Detroit for treatment.

Thieves Steal Sugar

Four 100-pound bags of sugar received the day before, 300 bars of soap, two 50-pound tubs of lard, eight large cakes of cheese and other loot to the value of \$300 or more was taken by burglars who broke into the Thomas Cretella grocery store at Berwick. Similar robberies, believed committed by the same gang, have been reported at other towns.

Measles Epidemic

Towards is in the midst of the German or three-day variety of measles. Many children are out of school and the great amount of sickness hindered the Scout collection of waste paper last Saturday. Beware of anything that anybody tells you is a "perfect setup."

PETER PUBLIC--Where It's Needed!

"Aladdin, Jr." New Comic Boys and girls will enjoy the mysterious adventures of "Aladdin, Jr." new comic added to the popular feature to be found in the Comic Weekly "Puck," distributed regularly with the Baltimore Sunday American. On sale at all newsstands. Read the Classified ads.

Tyrone Youth Killed and 12 Others Injured In Two Huntingdon Co. Mishaps

Charles Leroy Hamer Dies 20 Minutes After Accident; Car Skids On Icy Portion of Highway and Crashes Into Tree

Charles Leroy Hamer, 19, a Tyrone youth, died 20 minutes after an automobile in which he and four fellow-workers were enroute to Tyrone for visits, skidded on an icy portion of route 522, four miles south of Shade Gap, Sunday, and crashed into a tree. The injured, all of Tyrone, were: Russell Mould, 19, driver of the car, possible skull fracture and head lacerations; Robert Phillips, 18, head lacerations and bruises; Francis E. Harlow, 19, head and facial lacerations and concussion, and Jack O. Pearce, 20, broken nose, facial cuts and concussion. All but Phillips was detained at the hospital. State Motor Police said none of the victims remembered anything of the crash after the terrific impact had knocked them unconscious. Hamer died in a nearby house of a broken neck and fractured skull. He and his friends were employed at the Glenn R. Martin plane factory in Baltimore. Born September 5, 1922 in Tyrone, Hamer was a son of Wilson and Alice (Harris) Hamer, both of Tyrone High School, and one year ago he was employed by the Glenn Martin Airplane factory, Baltimore. While in Baltimore he resided at 4405 LaSalle avenue. Members of his family include one brother, John C. Hamer, Baltimore; and five sisters, Carrie Hamer, Baltimore; Clair and Marjorie, both of Mooreshead, Indiana; Lois, Northwood, Tyrone; and Mary Alice, Warriors Mark.

Found Dead In Own Parked Car

Missing Newport Man Discovered Near Lewistown Victim of Suicide

A two-day search for the missing Newport service station manager, William G. Knisely, ended Friday with the discovery of his body about four miles from Lewistown. The 35-year-old man vanished Monday night after slashing his right wrist with a razor blade and penning farewell notes to his wife and daughter, Connie, 11. Police from Duncannon, Selinsgrove and Milton, and scores of volunteers joined the search for Knisely. His body finally was discovered by school children. Knisely died from a shotgun wound while sitting in his car on the playground of a rural school. Relatives told police the victim had been in poor health the last two months.

Badly Hurt in Fall

Oliver Fowler, of Renovo, suffered a severe injury to his back when he fell from a scaffold 35 feet into a concrete pit, while working on the new coal wharf project in the P. R. yards. He was taken in the West Branch ambulance to Renovo Hospital where his condition was reported as fair.

Gets 30 Days For Outbursts

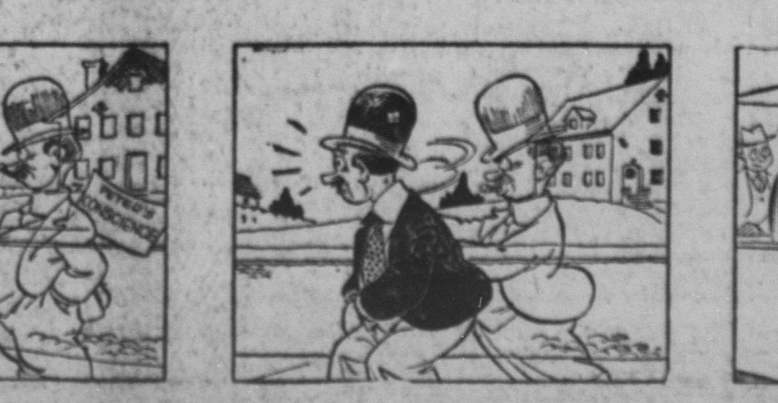
John Ritchey, Sunbury Man, Jailed For Criticism of Flag, President

Whether the defendant is intoxicated or sober, Police Magistrate Charles E. Jackson of Sunbury, declares he will not tolerate expressions of sympathy for Nazi Germany. John Ritchey, 47, Sunbury, who was arrested by Lieut. G. S. Moon for disorderly conduct and parading at Fourth and Walnut street Thursday evening, changed his story later. When arrested he was giving to outbursts against the President, the American people and the flag, but the next day he denied he really felt that way and blamed it on his being drunk. Nevertheless, the magistrate required Ritchey to recite the pledge of allegiance to the flag and then sentenced him to 30 days in the county jail during which time police authorities will have ample opportunity to check on the defendant's record.

SEDANS IN COLLISION WEST OF STATE COLLEGE

Sedans driven by Bud S. Zong, of State College, R. D., and John Patterson, of Johnsonburg, were involved in an accident on route 322 west of State College, Saturday morning. Damage was slight. Pleasant Gap Motor Police said that the Patterson car apparently ran into the rear of the Zong machine. Mr. Patterson and his wife underwent treatment in the offices of a State College physician for minor injuries. Education depends upon an ability to read and to think and enough energy to do both.

PRIVATE JOE PALOOKA



NURSES' SCHOOL

This department can't see any good reason why the nurses' training school at the Centre County hospital should not be reopened. The school was discontinued several years ago, because if we remember correctly, it was felt that so many new nurses were entering the field that the entire profession was being jeopardized. The picture has changed since that time, and there is a pronounced shortage of nurses in the country. The shortage, it is reasonable to assume, will become much more pronounced, with nurses being needed in the armed forces, in industry and as hostesses on airliners and deluxe trains. Even now the shortage of nurses is so great that nurses who now are married and have children are being called back to duty. This corner can see what possible objection there could be to a reopening of the school at the local hospital, and we feel that the school would be a great aid to that institution. From comment heard on the streets, we believe the Nurses' Alumnae Association of the hospital, or any other organization, would have plenty of public support in any move toward the re-establishment of the Nurses Training School.

OBSERVATION

We never heard until just this week that at least one Republican clerical job in the Court House pays \$3,000 a year. (At least that's what the pay checks show.)

PROGRESS REPORT

We are pleased to report that Bellefonte officialdom is taking steps to correct the loose and dangerous practices which have been going on heretofore in regard to medical certificates for persons employed in eating places. Borough Health Officer W. W. Bickett at Council Monday night rectified one case in which a man employed in a local restaurant was asked for his health certificate and forthwith presented the same. The Health Officer had reason to believe the man had not undergone a medical examination, so he interviewed the physician who had issued the certificate. The physician, Mr. Bickett said, admitted that he didn't examine the man, explaining that the health certificates have long been regarded merely as a matter of form. So the medico readily agreed to examine the man in question. But when Mr. Bickett approached the man and told him to report for examination, the restaurant employe is quoted as having said, in effect: "Skip it. I'll resign my job here." Council has instructed the Sanitary Committee, the Health Officer and the Solicitor to discuss the problem of tightening up health regulations, generally and to present recommendations to Council. One of the steps recommended is to ask physicians to consider medical examinations instead of as forms to be filled out as a matter of routine.

PARKING METERS

Somewhere or other we recall having heard a quotation to the effect that a person who refuses to compromise in a dispute is a dolt, or something to that effect. Members of the group which petitioned Coun-

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