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'NOT HUNGRY'

Two men entered a restaurant at Madison, Wis., and told the waiter that they wanted just "a little snack" before breakfast. This is what they ordered: No. 1-16 eggs, 4 slices of bread, 3 slices of bacon, three servings of potatoes, 4 cups of coffee and 4 cookies. No. 2-11 eggs, 4 slices of bread, 20 slices of bacon, 4 cups of coffee and 4 cookies.

ICE CREAM FOR PLATES

Herbert Boyer, of Carlisle, Pa., is collecting old license plates—he already has 950 sets stacked away and is saving them until he gets 20,000 which, he says, it requires to build one tank. He has offered an ice-cream cone from his soda fountain for every pair of plates brought in.

COSTLY MISTAKE

A farmer of Yakima, Wash., whose haystack had been visited regularly by a couple of elk, got tired of the marauders and taking his shotgun, shot at the two animals. When the smoke cleared away, the animals at the haystack were found to be two of his fine horses and not elk.

PLENTY OF NAME

Because there isn't room on the payrolls to give his entire name, it will show only the initials of Grover Come Back to the Village, a Sioux Indian, who was inducted into the Army from Pine Ridge, S. D. Henceforth he will be known as Pvt. G. C. B. T. T. Village.

TOOT, TOOT—TOOOOOT!

When his time for workman to change shifts at the Ely City cotton oil mill at Elk City, Oklahoma, the steam whistle blows the signal in Morse Code—three dots and a dash—the "V" for Victory symbol.

ENTIRELY TOO KIND

Kindly offering to take care of his girl friend's pet while she was in a hospital, Abraham E. Japp of Denver, was also forced to go to the hospital. The pet, a rattlesnake, bit him twice on the hand.

BELIEVE IT OR NOT

"Milk is outlasting beer two to one among the soldiers," A. G. Marcus, president of the international association of milk dealers told a state dairy conference.

SLIGHTLY WRONG

Wounded in the Civil War, Dr. John W. Bill of Los Angeles, was given only a few hours to live by the doctors. He recently observed his 99th birthday.

Offer Selves as Suicide Squads

Thirteen San Quentin convicts, of San Quentin prison, California, mostly condemned prisoners or lifers, have offered themselves to the government to act as a "suicide squad" in any line of attack against America's enemies. A spokesman for the 13 men, in a radio broadcast from the nation's largest prison, suggested the convicts could man small fighting craft for suicide attacks against enemy vessels.

Smokehouse Burns

Loss estimated at \$100 resulted in a Saturday fire at the smokehouse of Chester G. Grove, West Milton, when a piece of meat fell into the fire and ignited the building. Milton firemen were called to the blaze and West Milton residents kept the fire under control until they arrived.

Green Registration Cards

Pennsylvania Selective Service headquarters announce that green cards would be used Feb. 16 to register men between the ages of 20 and 45 for possible military service. Registrants will receive white temporary cards when they enroll.

For Victory; Buy Bonds.

Schools to Issue Sugar Stamp Books

Fear of what the neighbors might think or say is expected to prove a powerful deterrent to sugar hoarding under the stamp rationing plan which will start in a few weeks with registration of consumers in their neighborhood school houses. The announcement by Price Administrator Leon Henderson that school teachers would be his agents in handling the applications of consumers for stamp books—one for every adult and child in the country—placed the sugar rationing plan, like that for tires and tubes, on a neighborhood basis.

12 Ounces a Week

That fact, some officials thought, might be as effective as the stern but hard-to-enforce legal penalties

Jap Prisoner Relates Strange Story

A United States Army Field Hospital on Bataan Peninsula (Delayed), a Japanese prisoner (his real name) was captured and held in a prison camp. When his infiltration party was surrounded behind the American-Philippine front line, he was receiving the best medical care the American army can give for the past several weeks. The American doctor attending him has pronounced him well on the way to recovery. Through an interpreter Suzuki has signified his willingness to be interviewed. This is a regular procedure. No prisoner is forced to submit to ques-

Five People Injured When Four Funeral Cars In Line Collide Near Beech Creek

One Car Completely Burned When Gasoline Ignites from Punctured Tank; Funeral Cortège Was Enroute to Unionville

Four automobiles in the funeral cortege of Mrs. Catherine Burd, of Toward, R. D., proceeding west to Unionville Friday afternoon, were involved in a crash on route 64 between Mill Hill and Beech Creek, resulting in five people injured and heavy damages. State Motor Police said the following vehicles were traveling in the order named, with damages listed: Jacob Miller, Jersey Shore, 420; Forrest Lucas, Juniata, 475; Norman M. Smay, Clearfield, 432; and Harold F. Robb, Castanea, 1100. The accident occurred when the 18 cars in the procession slowed and some stopped as a car in the front part of the line drew off to one side and halted to remove chains. The cars to the rear stopped too, most of them safely, including the Miller car, which was the seventh in line. The Lucas car, however, did not get stopped, and slid into the rear

of the Miller car, and a similar series of events brought the Smay car against the Miller car. A third impact was added when the Robb car bumped into the rear of the Smay auto. One of the last two impacts caused a puncture of the gasoline tank on the Smay car, which caught fire and burned completely, so nothing was salvaged except the two front tires. The Smay car was locked to the Miller and Robb cars by the bumper, but the other cars were piled loose by a neighboring farmer who came to the rescue with a crowbar, so that the fire did not damage either of them. Injured were Joseph Smay, 64, of Clearfield, severe contusions of the forehead and right arm; Miss Jane Merrefield, 27, Clearfield, lacerations of the lower lip, bruises of the left leg and several lower teeth knocked out; Mr. Robb 35, fractured ribs; his wife, Mrs. Mildred V. Robb, severe lacerations of the right eye, requiring eight stitches, a deep bruise of the leg; Mrs. Dora E. Fye, 62, of Lock Haven, fracture of the left leg and bruises of the head. All were treated at the Lock Haven hospital and discharged excepting Mrs. Fye, whose condition is reported good. Mr. Smay was in the Smay car. Miss Merrefield and the Lucas automobile, Mr. and Mrs. Robb and Mrs. Fye in the Robb vehicle.

Question Man In Death Case

Suspect Taken in Pittsburgh Case in Which Hoy Houck Was Quizzed

City Detective Inspector Walter Monaghan, of the Pittsburgh Police Department, announced last week he had found another suspect in the fatal beating of Rose Haber, a drug store clerk, on an East End street last July 14. This is the case in which Hoy Kenneth Houck of Bellefonte, had been taken into custody for questioning about the slaying and subsequently released. Inspector Monaghan identified the latest suspect as a 28-year-old man who already has been held on a "suicide squad" in any line of attack against America's enemies. A spokesman for the 13 men, in a radio broadcast from the nation's largest prison, suggested the convicts could man small fighting craft for suicide attacks against enemy vessels.

Babies Ill After Swallowing Pills

Baby Brothers Stricken From Effects of Nerve Medicine

Two baby brothers were admitted to Altoona Hospital Saturday, suffering from the effects of nerve pills they accidentally obtained from their mother's purse and ate. The hospital said James Gels, 2, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Gels 1411 Sixteenth avenue, was the most serious. His brother, Samuel, 3, was regarded as "fairly good." The youngest child was taken to the hospital Saturday afternoon at two o'clock. The hospital reported the parents as saying James, in a stupor from consuming the pills had fallen out of his bed shortly after the noon hour, and struck his head on the floor. The baby was reported in an unconscious state. Returning home, the mother and father discovered Samuel had also swallowed some of the pills and was likewise in a stuporous condition. He was admitted to the hospital on Saturday at 6:45 o'clock. Let freedom ring on Uncle Sam's cash register! Buy U. S. Defense Bonds and Stamps. For Victory; Buy Bonds.

WHAT HAVE YOU FOR DEFENSE?

While complete information is not available as to the measures to be adopted in Centre County for the collection of articles to be salvaged for war industry, it is not too early for our patriotic citizens to be "looking around" in order to get together things of value so that the collection campaign will proceed smoothly and expeditiously. The salvage hunt is nation wide. Householders and farmers are urged to rummage through their attics, cellars, garages, basins and tool sheds, to pick over rags and old clothes, to turn out kitchen drawers and sweep out the hall closet and even to look over the back yard to see what they can contribute in the way of needed materials. Actually it would be better to decide to see what could not be salvaged for war industry. For the civilian Defense Officials offered a list of about fifty common articles

that seemed to include everything one ever recalled noticing around the house. That broken lamp and junior's outgrown sled in the attic, for example, the 1941 license plates in the garage, the year-old magazines piling up on the living-room end table, and a pair of worn-out overhaes in the coat closet. The list, with hints on where to look for the articles follow: What to Look For in Your Attic: Beds made of brass or iron. Electric cords (they contain copper wire). Electric toasters, irons, heaters, fans, or any electrical equipment. Hand saws, axes, knives, hinges, keys, locks, trim, springs, etc. Kitchen utensils—Old knives, pots and pans, scissors, etc. Lamps and lighting fixtures made of brass, copper or iron.

Ornaments—Metal ash trays, statuettes, bowls, vases, etc. Porch and garden furniture made of metal. Radios—Broken parts containing metal. Screens made of brass or copper. Toys—Sleds, ice skates, roller skates, etc. Vacuum cleaners—Broken parts made of metal. What to Look For in Your Cellar: Coal stoves that are worn out. Fireplace equipment—Andirons, grates, poker, etc. Fire extinguishers. Furnace parts—Old grate doors, etc. Iron and nickel parts of old gas stoves. Pipes—Pieces of iron, brass or copper piping. Plumbing fixtures—Bath tubs, faucets, sinks, etc.

Radiators. Refrigerator parts—Ice trays, inside liners, etc. Tools—All old tools. Hat to Look For in Your Garage: Automobile parts—Batteries, license plates, chains, parts of motors, etc.; tires and tubes. Bicycles and tricycles. Garden tools—Lawn mowers, hoes, pick-axes, rakes, shovels, etc. What to Look For in Your Yard or On Your Farm: Farm tools. Logging chains. Wire fencing and fence posts. Motors and motor parts. Playground equipment. Pieces of old metal—well handles, etc. Ploughs, wheelbarrows, etc. How to Save Paper: Stack newspapers in large bundles. (Continued on Page Six)

Banker Found Dead In Garage

Coroner Pronounces Blair County Man's Death to Be Suicide

Charles A. Cunningham, widely known in banking circles in Blair and adjoining counties, was found dead shortly after 11 o'clock last Thursday morning in the garage at the rear of his residence at Williamsburg. Mr. Cunningham had taken his own life, according to the coroner's investigation, by inhaling fumes from the engine. He was found by a friend and neighbor, Dr. Ralph R. Whitaker, who was summoned by officials at the Williamsburg First National Bank, where Mr. Cunningham was manager, the bank employes having a message for him. Mr. Cunningham's wife, Annie (Banks) Cunningham, is a patient in the Altoona Hospital, being in a critical condition, and the hospital called the bank to consult her husband. When he couldn't be located, Dr. Whitaker went to the residence. Born March 8, 1878, at Preoprt, Pa., Armstrong county, he was a son of David A. and Emma Margaret (Phillips) Cunningham. He was educated at Preoprt public schools and the Freeport Business College. Mr. Cunningham started in the banking business in Bellwood and served at the Cresson Bank for 25 years, being president there for ten years. He was elected vice president of the First National Bank in Williamsburg in 1933 at the reorganization meeting, being there ever since. He was executive vice president at the time of his death. Members of his family include his wife, one son, John Banks Cunningham, Philadelphia; two brothers, George A. Cunningham, Charleston, W. Va.; Frank B. Indiana, one sister, Miss Elizabeth Cunningham, of Cleveland, Ohio.

Sent To Prison For Burning Barn

Clinton County Couple Admitted Arson Charge to Collect Insurance

At a special session of court held in Lock Haven last Wednesday, with Judge Henry Hippie and Associate Judges Bridgens and Dunn presiding, Mrs. Ruth Stimpson of Keating and Sylvester Strop of Renovo, were both sentenced for arson. The couple had previously admitted that last October 30 they conspired to burn a barn on the Stimpson property to collect \$700 insurance. The money was not paid, however. Mrs. Stimpson was sentenced to serve an indefinite term at the Muncy Industrial Home for Women, while Strop was given two to five years in the Western Penitentiary. Gas Proves Fatal: Ralph C. Cox, 26, Bloomsburg, R. D. 4 truck driver, died at the Mary M. Packer Hospital Saturday without regaining consciousness from the time he was found in the gas filled cab of his truck at the Ray Watkins service station above Shamokin dam Friday afternoon. Indian in Ireland: Pvt. Charles Kennedy, a full-blooded Indian from Ansin township, McKean county, is with the American Expeditionary Force in Ireland, according to word received by his mother, Mrs. Anna Hubbell. Resigns Position: G. Morris Smith, president of Susquehanna University, has announced the resignation of Professor James C. Freeman, instructor of English and Freeman has been appointed to the faculty of Bowdoin College, his alma mater, at Brunswick, Me.

Said to Have Sold Worthless Stock

Buffalo, N. Y., Man Held Under \$20,000 Bail After Hearing

Charged with fraudulent use of the mails, Royce Grimm, 38, of Buffalo, N. Y., who had spent the last six months in Lock Haven working out a sales promotion service to sell the Piper Aircraft Corp., was held for court under \$20,000 bail after a hearing Saturday before William M. Marsh, United States commissioner at Lewisburg. After the hearing Grimm was committed to the Columbia county jail at Bloomsburg. The postal fraud involved sale of stock in a "mine scheme" at Deadwood, S. D. It was reported Saturday night by Postal Inspector H. S. McMinn, who ordered Grimm's arrest here at the request of postal authorities in St. Paul, Minn. Grimm will be returned to South Dakota to face trial. Grimm was picked up at the Falloon Hotel last Thursday morning and held in the county jail until Friday night, when he was transferred to the Lycoming county jail in Williamsport. From there he was taken to Lewisburg for the hearing. Has Sentence Commuted: Governor James last week signed 9 pardons and unlocked the prison gates for 23 convicted persons whose appeals were heard by the board of pardons last week. Among the cases receiving commutation of sentence was that of George Bogenschutz, of Centre county. Dr. Locke Dies: Dr. M. W. Locke, noted foot specialist, of Ontario, Canada, died of a heart seizure while cranking his automobile.

Farmers Can Get Wheat For Feed

Offer Made to Stimulate Poultry and Dairy Production Goals

As an aid to farmers of Centre county in reaching poultry and dairy production goals of the 1942 Food for Freedom Campaign, the Government is offering 100 million bushels of wheat owned by the Commodity Credit Corporation for sale as feed, according to W. F. Rishel, chairman of the Centre County Agricultural Conservation Association. The Commodity Credit sales price for wheat at point of delivery will be the announced sales price for No. 2 yellow corn, basis Chicago, in store, plus cost of freight and handling to point of delivery. The price of this wheat delivered in Centre county is ninety-seven cents (97¢) cracked or ninety-three (93¢) whole per bushel at the present time. Orders must be approved by the Centre County Agricultural Conservation Committee. Producers may order the wheat through their dealers or direct from the regional office of Commodity Credit. Detailed information is available in the Centre County Agricultural Conservation Office. Green Light to Army: Military vehicles of any size will be permitted to use Pennsylvania highways to speed the movement of convoys, State Police Commissioner Lynn G. Adams and Highway Secretary I. Lamont Hughes have decided. Howard Man in Hospital: Richard K. Wolfe of Howard, was admitted Friday to the Lock Haven Hospital as a surgical patient.

Harbison-Walker Brick Co. Have \$25,000 Loss As Fire Destroys Large Storage Shed

Firemen From Four Companies Battle Blaze at Company's Retort Plant; Origin of Fire Is Still Undetermined

Discovery of a fire of unknown origin at the Harbison-Walker Refractories company plant at Retort, early Friday morning, required the services of four fire companies to save the main divisions of the plant. The damage, estimated at \$25,000, was confined to the large brick storage shed which was completely destroyed. The fire was discovered shortly after 3 o'clock and the Sandy Ridge firemen were called immediately. Alarms were also sent to Osceola and Phillipsburg. The Osceola, Reliance and Hope companies all responded. Crowds of spectators from Phillipsburg, Osceola, Sandy Ridge and Retort watched the firemen as they battled the spectacular blaze which destroyed the storage shed covering half a town block. The loss of thousands of dollars included the large shed and the ends of two other adjoining buildings and material supplied in the sheds. A number of the bricks in the storage were known to be ruined, although company officials do not expect this loss to be high. In another shed a pile of crate lumber and piles of crates, for shipping bricks, were burned. Some obsolete hand presses and a boring machine were burned in the fire according to fire department officials. At first it was reported that the fire may have been caused by pine planks catching from hot brick stored in the shed after being taken from the kilns. Company officials later discounted this and stated they did not know what may have caused the fire—unless it may have been defective wiring.

Sisters Unaware of Others Illness

Both Submit to Operations Without Each Other's Knowledge

Although neither knew of the other's illness, two sisters, Mrs. Clyde A. Poorman of Castanea, and Miss M. Faye Kinley of Punxsutawney, formerly of Lock Haven, submitted recently to serious operations. Not that both are on the way to recovery, they have been told of each other's condition. Their mother, Mrs. Amelia Kinley, resides at State College. Mrs. Poorman has been a patient for several weeks at the Lock Haven Hospital and will be there for some time yet, while Miss Kinley had her appendix removed at the Punxsutawney Hospital. Miss Kinley, who is manager of the Western Union office at Punxsutawney, is expected to leave the hospital this week. SUGGESTION: A farmer reader suggests that Bellefonte might solve its parking meter problem by installing meters which give one-hour of parking for one cent, or ten hours for ten cents. He claims that under present conditions Bellefonte is twice as expensive a town in which to park as State College, where some meters give two hours' time for five cents, or 24 minutes for a penny. Here all rates are based on a five-cent-an-hour-rate. FILE: What most people can't understand is how, with some 2000 men at work abroad, a fire could have gained the headway of the one which wreaked havoc to the liner Normanby in New York Monday. A few of them, at least, must have been around to cheer on the flames as they first began to spread. TAYLOR CASE: For the last ten days the kettle in which the maize of facts, rumors, and suppositions surrounding the Taylor murder case has been simmering, gave off a few wisps of steam in the form of a rumor through newspaper circles to the effect that there were some "developments" in the case. Reporters were able to learn nothing with the exception that some police heads blew off steam when they heard that alleged "tips" were leaking out. NOTE TO TEACHERS: Talk about a teachers' strike in the Bellefonte schools if teachers don't get an increase in wages seemed to have rubbed the school board the wrong way Monday night. Most of the board members seem to favor increases, without a strike, as soon as ways and means can be found to provide the money. The matter is to be considered when the

Priest Unhurt In Car Crash

Has Car Damaged When Struck by Clinton County Man's Automobile

The Rev. Father J. P. Connelly of Snow Shoe escaped injuries at 10:20 Thursday night of last week, on a side road at the Cooper Township High School building when a car skidded and struck his car. Motor Police said Rev. Connelly stopped at an intersection road near the high school athletic field when a car operated by E. P. Smith, Woodrich, Clinton county, skidded on the uncracked road and crashed into the priest's car. Damages to Smith's car were estimated at \$100 while damages to Connelly's car were placed at \$40. Fire Company Buys Bonds: At a meeting of the Hand-in-Hand Hose Company of Lock Haven, last week the group voted to use its building fund of \$7500 for the purchase of defense bonds. The lot adjoining the Hose Company's building is the site on which the building will be erected, but the cost of materials and building at present is too high, the firemen decided. Money talks! United States Defense Savings Bonds and Stamps about "Victory!" Read the Classified ads.

PETER PUBLIC—Cupid's Pet Peeve. A series of cartoon panels by F. O. Alexander. Panel 1: Peter Public says 'YEP—THROUGH WAR, PESTILENCE OR DEPRESSION, MY BUSINESS STAYS GOOD!'. Panel 2: Peter Public says 'IT'D BE LOTS BETTER, THOUGH, IF IT WEREN'T FOR—I SAY—// THERE SHE IS NOW—'. Panel 3: Peter Public says 'SHE CAN UNDO ALL TH' GOOD I TRY TO DO—TH' HUSSY!'. Panel 4: Peter Public says 'AIN'T LOVE GRAND?'. The cartoon is signed 'By F. O. ALEXANDER'.