

Odd and CURIOUS in the NEWS

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Random Items

ROBBED—OF SLEEP

An intruder ransacked the home of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Shenton, of Woodbury, N. J., then went to sleep in their bed. Awakened when they returned, the man jumped from the bed and pointed a gun. "If you let me dress," he said, "I won't shoot you." They did and the man left.

FISHERMEN'S LUCK

John Beard, his 11-year-old son and E. C. Fitzgerald of Santa Barbara, Calif., found a school of throw-back size perch nibbling at their hooks so they decided to quit fishing. They picked up and left—minutes before a shell from an enemy submarine splintered the pier where they had been sitting.

WAS LOADED

When a hold-up man flashed a gun on Emmett Quinn drug store clerk at Pasadena, Calif., Quinn hid him over the head with a bottle and took him prisoner. He told police that a glance down the barrel of the gun showed that it had no bullets. Police found it held five cartridges.

WHAT? NO GIRLIES?

After more than a month of indecision, the war production board finally made up its mind and prohibited the use of rubber in corsets and girlies. Then, to balance bad news for the girls, the board threw in a general prohibition broad enough to cover men's garters and suspenders.

CAT HEIRESS

Pity Lily, the coal black heiress cat! Left \$5,000 in the will of her mistress, who died at Sacramento, Cal., in 1938, the feline is down to her last \$2,686. Her custodian gets a salary of \$50 a month.

HOME SWEET HOME

Miss Marjorie Hammond of Kansas City, got homesick down in Baton Rouge, La.—mighty homesick. So Paul Burcham did his best to cheer her up. He mailed her a box of snowballs packed in dry ice.

GUARDS TIRES

Urging his flock to come to services, the Rev. Theo. H. Evers of El Paso, Texas, told them that a watchman would be stationed to protect their tires.

WAR CAUSING SHORTAGE OF INSECTICIDES

War creates demands for many materials that heretofore have been used in insecticides to protect food crops, and is interfering with the normal sources of supply of others, according to H. N. Wortley, entomologist at the Pennsylvania State College. Market concerns have been expressed by Pennsylvania fruit and vegetable growers, who are beginning to lay in their supplies for the 1942 season. One item that has been stressed by research entomologists at the college in recent years which will receive increased emphasis during the present emergency, is the development of multiple means for the control of important fruit pests. It will be important to have more than one material at hand for a specific job of insect control.

Pullman Named "Wake Island"

Those fighting Marines, who so valiantly defended Wake Island, are to have a Pullman car named in their honor. It is announced by officers of the U. S. Marine Corps, the Pullman Company and the Pennsylvania Railroad. The car—to be named "Wake Island"—is streamlined and of the latest room-observation type. It is scheduled to leave the Pullman shops in Chicago early in March and will be assigned to one of the Pennsylvania Railroad's fastest trains.

Turn In Old Plates to Make Cannons

Don't forget to turn in your old license tags for war scrap, the Keystone Automobile Club tells motorists in a special bulletin urging the necessity for cooperation with the government in the reclamation of metals for conversion into weapons. Collection points established by the Club include all the Keystone offices in Pennsylvania and New Jersey and upward of 500 of the club's official garages in the two states.

Sgt. Lockard on Way to New Jersey

Staff Sergeant Joseph L. Lockard, 29-year-old soldier from Williamsport, whose warning of Japanese planes near Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, was ignored by a superior officer, passed through San Francisco Monday enroute to an officers' training school at Fort Monmouth, N. J. Lockard, then a private at Pearl Harbor, was working overtime to demonstrate the workings of an aircraft detector to a rookie when he heard the sound of the planes approaching Oahu. Although his warning proved futile, his vigilance was rewarded by promotion and later by appointment to the training school.

Injured Man Crawls Quarter Mile

Alone in the woods more than a quarter of a mile from his home and suffering from a fractured right ankle, Otis C. Kline, 64, of near Bloomsburg, crawled on his hands and knees to his home, the torturing journey requiring about an hour. He had been using a horse to drag

Centre County Native Awarded High Position In Diplomatic Circles

Capt. Pierre Boal, Son of Late Col. Theodore D. Boal, Recommended by President Roosevelt for Ambassador to Bolivia

President Roosevelt, on Friday, raised United States legations in Bolivia, Paraguay and Ecuador to the status of embassies in requesting Senate approval for a series of changes in diplomatic personnel to Latin American nations. He nominated Pierre De L. Boal of Pennsylvania, present minister to Nicaragua, as ambassador to Bolivia. James B. Stewart of New Mexico, and consul general at Zurich, was named to succeed Boal. Acting Secretary of State, Sumner Welles later told his press conference the nominations represented a desire to give the best possible American representation at the various capitals.

C. E. Union to Hold Booster Banquet

Seven-County District to Meet at Grange Hall, Pleasant Gap

The State Convention Booster banquet, to be held by the Central District Christian Endeavor Union, at the Grange Hall, Pleasant Gap, next Saturday, March 7 at 6:30, promises to be probably the greatest event that was ever held by this organization in Centre county. The district includes Centre, Clinton, Juniata, Mifflin, Union, Snyder and Northumberland counties, and representatives from all the Christian Endeavor Societies from all these seven counties are expected.

Besides the good eats that will be furnished by the Ladies of the Grange, the following excellent program will be included: Rev. Ivan L. Miller, of Pleasant Gap, will be the toastmaster, and the invocation will be offered by Rev. C. R. Howell, of Acadia, Pastor-Counselor of the District. Kenneth Walker, of State College, R. D. 1, will be the song leader, having charge of group singing. Greetings and introductions by Rev. L. J. Kauffman, of Boalsburg, and Ernest Letzner, of Hiefeld, the district president.

Following the banquet, the group will enjoy Truth and Consequences and other games. A district board meeting will be held later in the evening, and the devotions will be in charge of the Monument and Orvison Societies of the North Branch C. E. in Centre county. During this business session, those who are not members of the board will enjoy a further social time. The purpose of the banquet is to boost registrations for the State Christian Endeavor Convention, to be held at Lancaster, July 6-11th, as well as to promote fellowship and fun in Central District Christian Endeavor. All other young people's groups not in the Christian Endeavor Union are most cordially invited to attend.

Believed Prisoner

Miss Amy Blandy, instructor of girls physical education for the Lewisburg High School has received word that her brother, Platoon Sgt. John F. Blandy, is one of the 26 Americans among the more than 2,000 persons believed to have been taken prisoner by the Japanese at Wake Island.

Baughman Out On Bail

Dean Baughman of Renovo, held in Lock Haven jail on charges involving him in the fatal hit-and-run accident on the Cedar Springs cut-off last December, has been released from jail under \$1,500 bail pending trial at the April term of court.

House and Contents Burn

The recently built home of John Renninger at Flemington was completely destroyed by fire last Wednesday afternoon, while the owner was at work at the paper mill. The loss, set at \$3,500, is partially covered by insurance. As far as could be determined, the only cause for the fire's start was from a hot poker, which Helen Hopper, who was keeping house for Mr. Renninger, had hung behind the stove after using it on the kitchen fire.

Flemington Home Destroyed by Fire

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Now—A Pillow Shortage

A possible pillow shortage confronts the public as the army and navy announce the letting of contracts for 1,000,000 duck feather pillows and the many one for 650,000 of filled with chicken feathers. To the consumer it meant a future with a harder pillow. Continental Congress' order forming a Marine Corps in 1775 called for two battalions of 1,200 men; today there are 84,581 Marines.

Home Work



YOUR HELPING, BECAUSE—

That new car you won't be driving this year—here's what it means to America's soldiers: Enough tin to coat 1,000 food cans. Enough nickel to make 100 pounds of nickel steel for armor plate, projectiles, and armor-piercing bullets. Enough zinc and copper to make brass for 2,400 cartridge cases. Non-production of 24 cars means enough steel and rubber for a 27-ton medium tank; of 700 cars means aluminum for a fighter plane. Other civilian war notes: Cans—you'll get your beer, coffee and ham in cans a few months longer. The WPB will allow tin can manufacturers to deliver until May 31 cans completely manufactured by Feb. 1.

TO SPEED UP GRAND OFFENSIVE

The overall picture of U. S. grand strategy came from Admiral Ernest J. King, commander-in-chief of the fleet, and General George C. Marshall, army chief of staff. To some extent at least, their separate statements seemed designed to answer demands in Congress and elsewhere that American forces be concentrated in defense of home shores and waters, where numerous submarine attacks have occurred and air attacks are deemed likely. General Marshall, in fact, warned against thus immobilizing striking power. "The time has now come," he declared in a letter to Senator Austin (R-Vt.), "when we must proceed with the business of carrying the war to the enemy and not permit the greater portion of our armed forces and our valuable material to be immobilized within the continental United States."

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Tylersville Man Has Car Ruined

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Injuries Result In Man's Death

Carroll A. Reams, Osceola merchant, died Sunday at the Phillipsburg hospital. Reams had been a patient for several months. Complications resulting from injuries received in an automobile accident four years ago were blamed for his death. He was born in Osceola Mills October 27, 1917. He was a son of Mrs. Myers Reams and the late George B. Reams. He conducted a grocery store in Newtown, Osceola Mills, prior to his sickness. Surviving him are his mother, a son, Herbert Marshall, and the following brothers and sisters: Roy, of Chester Hill, Mrs. Paul McLaren of Gearhartville, Mrs. Elias Walk of Akron, Ohio, Mrs. John Pellow of Osceola Mills, John of Osceola Mills, Sylvester of Nanticoke, Howard of Turtle Creek, Mrs. Howard Bricker of Millheim, Austin of Harrisburg, Mrs. Louella Richards and Mrs. John Kanour, both of Osceola Mills, Marshall of Williamsport, Kenneth of Lima, Ohio, and Mrs. Stanley Gulbernast of Osceola Mills. Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Osceola Mills Methodist church. Burial was made in the Umbria cemetery there.

Gov't. Plans Huge Munitions Plant

That the government plans to erect a munitions manufacturing plant covering 8,000 acres in White Deer Valley was revealed Saturday when a notice was posted in the Postoffice at Williamsport asking for lawyers to submit bids for handling certificates of title to land in Washington, Clinton and Brady townships, Lycoming county and Gregg township, Union county. The plant, estimated to cost near \$5,000,000, together with homes for 4,000 workers are expected to cover an area of 125 square miles. A New York firm has already been engaged for architectural, engineering and management services, and an office has been set up there for a real estate division of the War Department. Residents of the valley, which lies south of the river in the Battress-Allenwood-Elmsport area, have joined together to protest erection of the plant on the grounds that farm lands would be utilized, and such a plant could be better erected on less valuable land. Guernsey is Sold to Gray S. P. Gray, of Port Matilda, recently purchased a registered Guernsey bull from S. B. Wasson of State College, to add to his local herd. Aulworth Helen's Select 310190 is the name under which this animal is registered with The American Guernsey Cattle Club. We hope our good neighbors have completed their plans for a fine vegetable garden.

Tyrene's Second Major Fire In 3 Weeks Sweeps Pruner Estate Building

Three-Story Building, Housing Four Business Places, Is Part of E. R. Pruner Home For Children at Bellefonte

Tyrene's second major fire in three weeks Sunday night swept through the Pruner building on Pennsylvania avenue, routing five persons, including a 69-year-old invalid woman, and causing more than \$10,000 damage to the structure alone. The three-story brick building, housing four business establishments, is part of the estate of the E. R. Pruner Home for Children at Bellefonte. Forced to flee from second- and third-story apartments were Mrs. Mary Cardy, 69-year-old invalid, who was removed by firemen; Miss Florence Walls, Mrs. Harlow and Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Struble. Two firemen, Frank Woodring and Bud Fields, both of the Blazing Arrow company, suffered minor injuries battling the blaze and were treated by a Tyrene physician. The fire, which raged mainly at the rear of the building which rises only one story, was believed to have started in the basement, although the cause has not been established.

Leg Broken In Motor Accident

Philipsburg Woman Suffers Severe Injuries in Two-Car Collision

Mrs. Joyce E. Bair of Philipsburg, received a compound fracture of the right leg between the hip and knee, in a two-car accident Sunday evening on the Tyrene-Philipsburg road. Mr. Bair, driver of the car, had his right arm broken between the elbow and the wrist. Mrs. Bair was seated in front with her husband. Their son, Joyce, who was in the back seat, escaped with a cut on his lip. Mrs. Bair's face was also badly lacerated. She is a patient at the Philipsburg State Hospital. Melvin Fleck, who was involved in the accident, was driving a 1941 Mercury sedan, while Mr. Bair's car was a 1940 Buick. Both cars were demolished. Mr. Fleck suffered a badly cut lower lip and the loss of two teeth. The accident occurred on the mountain highway near the Big Fill bridge from Philipsburg. The Bair family was returning from an afternoon's visit to Altoona friends, while Mr. Fleck was going toward the Triangle. A passing motorist telephoned the Hope Fire Company ambulance at Philipsburg, and conveyed the injured to the hospital. A patrolman from the Pleasant Gap station made the investigation.

WAR REPORT

Local druggist Monday reported he was out of Coca Cola. "We're rationed to sixty per cent of the amount we used in the same period in 1941," he explained. Looks like the pause that refreshes is going to become the pause that depresses. Oh, well! BOUQUET This week's sprig of laurel goes to Bellefonte Borough Council. That body wisely harkened to the voice of the people and on Monday night

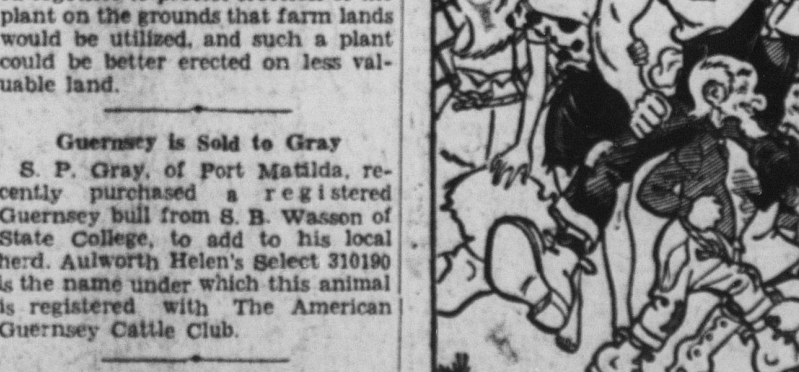
Truck Co. President Dies

Frank P. Benjamin, 65, president of the Scranton-Lackawanna Truck Company of Scranton, died Friday night in Gelsinger Memorial Hospital.

PETER PUBLIC—To Get the Job Done!



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Continental Congress' order forming a Marine Corps in 1775 called for two battalions of 1,200 men; today there are 84,581 Marines.

PENN STATE:

According to the tale we hear our Alma Mater is being a trifle addled about the Civilian Pilot Training course, and as a result, the story goes, there won't be any more pilot training courses at Penn State this spring after the present class of ten (10) students finish their course. According to the seemingly well-authenticated version we get, the C. A. A. notified the College that since facilities for training there are limited, the Bellefonte airport could be used to good advantage. "No," an official there is said to have remarked, "We'll go instead to Stultz field, Tipton." The distance from State College to the Bellefonte airport is about 9 miles; to the Stultz field the distance is more than 30 miles. The C. A. A., it is reported, has washed its hands of the matter, and there won't be any more such classes at Penn State unless something new develops. Meanwhile the Lock Haven State Teachers College is grinding out embryo pilots with gratifying regularity.

RECORD:

They tell us that the people who are putting the brass slugs in Bellefonte's parking meters have plenty of brass. NOTE TO S. P. C. A. Over in England domestic animals, such as horses, cows, pigs, etc., are protected from air raids much the same as are humans. The precautions are taken not in deference to the feelings of the animals but because they are a definite and important part of the war effort. We're all for the animals, but first let's look to our own safety. RECORD: This corner has been attending meetings of various kinds for many a year, but last Thursday night attended the first meeting where everybody was present who had been asked to come. It was the first session of the Centre County Defense Savings Committee, headed by Claude G. Aikens, of State College.

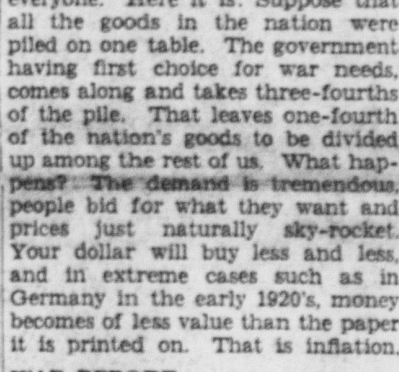
INFLATION:

You'll hear much about inflation in coming months and the following explanation pilfered from Karl W. Illgen, deputy state administrator of the Defense Savings Staff, is easy to remember and should be clear to everyone. Here it is: Suppose that all the goods in the nation were piled on one table. The government having first choice for war needs, comes along and takes three-fourths of the pile. That leaves one-fourth of the nation's goods to be divided up among the rest of us. What happens? The demand is tremendous, people bid for what they want and prices just naturally sky-rocket. Your dollar will buy less and less, and in extreme cases such as in Germany in the early 1920's, money becomes of less value than the paper it is printed on. That is inflation.

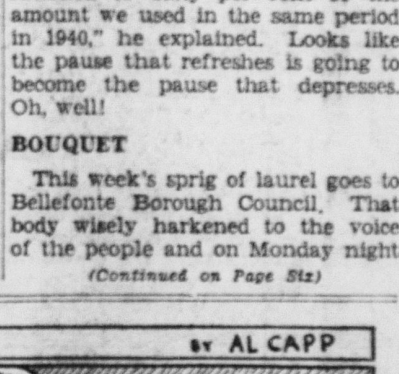
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