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A REASON TO PURR

A sleepy cat named Tommy scratched at the trailer door of the Charles E. Smith family, his owners, at San Diego, Cal., who said the last time they had seen him was in January more than 3,000 miles away in Buffalo, N. Y. "You've got me how the cat ever followed us," said Smith. "We've gone everywhere since Tommy left us." The cat, who left the trailer in Buffalo to chase field mice and failed to return, arrived just six hours before his owners left for their home in Utica, N. Y. "Had he come six hours later Tommy would have had to follow us the 3,000 miles back home again," Smith said.

500 SMITHS, 250 WILLIAMS

If your husband, brother, or sweetheart has the name of Bill Smith and is stationed at Camp Fort Jackson, S. C., please be very explicit in addressing him. There happens to be 500 soldiers named Smith at the Fort at the present time, and nearly half of them answer to the name of William. The same goes for the any of the 350 Johnsons and the 300 odd Jones boys.

MEET ON TRANSPORT

Just as Sgt. R. C. Selbert was boarding a transport, he received a letter from his mother saying his younger brother Richard had enlisted and had been sent to Sheppard Field (Texas). Imagine his surprise, then, a day later while strolling on the deck of the transport bound for Australia, to run into his brother, Private Richard Heibert, aboard the same transport.

DOG TOOTS HORN

Becoming irritated at the constant tooting of an automobile horn on an Atlantic City street, a policeman investigated and found inside a locked automobile a sleek Dachshund, tapping the horn with his front paw. The owner soon arrived and Australia, to run into his brother, Private Richard Heibert, aboard the same transport. "He gets impatient when we leave him alone too long."

20 YEARS' SILENCE

After a quarrel over religious indifference over twenty years ago, Mr. and Mrs. John B. Wagner of Newark, N. J., never spoke a word to each other. All messages between the two were relayed by one of the other of their three children. This unusual situation was revealed when Mrs. Wagner applied for a divorce. The decree was granted.

ALL IN A DAY

This is what impatient travelers waiting at Parsons, Kan., for the hour-late Katy passenger train didn't know. At San Marcos, Tex., the conductor dropped dead on the platform. Outside of town the train struck a motor car, killing three persons. Nearing Parsons, a Mexican woman passenger gave birth to a baby.

Water Line Cleaned

Boyd R. Keller, Lock Haven water superintendent, has completed the supervision of the cleaning of 29,829 feet of 12-inch water line extending from Lock Haven patrons to McElhattan, six miles distant. While the work was in progress the Suburban Water Company permitted the Lock Haven city to connect the city water line to their line. This was done by fire hose at the Teachers College. Superintendent Keller said 15 openings had to be cut in the clogged water lines to remove debris.

Gathering of Eggs

When the congregation of the St. James Lutheran church at Turbotville gathered for worship Sunday morning members remembered the children at the Treasurer Orphan's Home, Leysville, with a donation of eggs for their Easter treat. The gathering of eggs for the children at the home has been the custom of St. James church for a number of years. The pastor asked that each family bring a dozen or more of eggs with them to the Palm Sunday service.

Pedestrian Hurt

Thomas B. Moore, 67, of Bloomsburg, was seriously injured when a motorcycle left the highway, went over the pavement on West Main street, and pushed him, feet first, partly through a glass panel in the door at the home of Arthur Sperry.

Fox Killed by Hurling Axe

Fred Niles, farmer living near Mansfield, is making claim for a citation as an expert marksman. While hunting wood on his farm, Mr. Niles heard dogs barking and was surprised to see a large fox run from the woods. He stopped his team, picked up his axe and as the fox attempted to run past, hurled the axe, striking the animal on the head and killing it. Incidentally, the throw was worth heard dogs barking and was surprised to see a large fox run from the woods.

Too Many Little Beers

Pleading guilty to driving a car while intoxicated, although he told the justice of the peace before whom he was arraigned that he "had only 10 little beers," Robert Sherman of Berwick, was committed to the county jail at Bloomsburg in default of \$500 bail. His car had crashed into a home on Washington Street and was badly damaged.

Takes Photo of Old Plates

Homer Grove, of State College has donated his collection of Pennsylvania license plates which he has gathered since 1914 to the local metal salvage program. Before turning in all the old plates, Mr. Grove had a color photograph taken of the entire lot.

Lower Bald Eagle Valley Residents Undergo First Complete Blackout Test

Newspaper Correspondent Describes Trial Air Raid Precaution as 100 Per Cent Perfect; Route 64 In Complete Darkness

Residents of Beech Creek borough and all the way down the valley along route 64 to Mill Hill were given their first successful blackout test one night last week, which is described by the Beech Creek correspondent to the Lock Haven Express as being 100 per cent perfect. The reporter declares that the air raid wardens are enthusiastic about the cooperation given by the citizens and comments on the event as follows: On the split second of 9 o'clock Mr. Lingquist, chief of field operations, West Penn Electric Co., who came down from Bellefonte, turned off the street lights which took the neighboring town of Blanchard in Centre county into the blackout whether or no, also.

The signaling of Warden Stuart Kephart to blow the whistle at the

Joins Marine Corps



James Alfred Kunes, cousin of J. J. Irvin Graham of Boalsburg, who recently enlisted in the United States Marine Corps, is now receiving an intensive basic training course at one of the famous Leatherneck training bases.

State College Air-Raid Signal Is Inadequate

After a tryout given last Wednesday night of the Old Main chime system as an air raid signal for State College, civilian defense authorities and citizens of that community pronounced the signal "generally unsatisfactory." The varying electrical note sounded over the chime system was not heard in all outlying districts and was heard only faintly in others. The State College fire whistle, sounded some three minutes later as an "all clear" was heard better, but its coverage was not complete, it was reported. The chime system was at its highest possible volume during the tests.

Kiddies Affected

The kiddies this year will have opportunity of making a sacrifice which will contribute to the nation's war effort. Easter chicks, popular for many years, are by thousands usually "loved to death" by their small owners, and since the government has asked for an increase in poultry products of 17 to 18 per cent, the practice is being discouraged. Colored Easter eggs are wasted in large numbers and this also is frowned upon during war time. Even candy eggs, chicks and rabbits will be less numerous and smaller, because of the sugar shortage.

No May Queen

For the first time in recent years Bucknell University students will not elect a May Queen this Spring. The Spring Festival, usually featured by the crowning of the queen, was cancelled by the desire of the students, themselves, who are cutting all social and extra-curricular activities by 50 per cent in order that they may devote more time to defense work.

Buy Defense Bonds now!

Coming Out of Hibernation



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JET-PROPULSION SHELLS

Science has fashioned its first cannon of the future, to shoot shells which fly by their own power, with jet propulsion. This first weapon is small, a light metal tube three inches in diameter, four feet long. The shells are six inches long, a little more than two inches thick. It is entirely experimental, but is a start on a principle recognized as sound by aviation engineers. The gun was designed by Edward P. Chandler, New York engineer, and is described in Astronautics, journal of the American Rocket Society. The purpose is to experiment with the jets of burning powder, gasoline, liquid oxygen and other power sources, to drive the shell. Jets which drive an 18-foot long projectile 7 miles have been developed by

Dr. Robert Goddard in New Mexico. Lower jets have been tested in the gun so that the fire-winger shell flight will take it to the target. Present experiments are with jet shells ranging from one to five-inch calibre. Chandler says the experiments indicate that the direction can be fixed in the gun so that the fire-winger shell flight will take it to the target. Present experiments are with jet shells ranging from one to five-inch calibre. Advantage of these guns include very light weight. Some models could be carried as easily as a machine gun.

DOCTORS READY AT PEARL HARBOR

The attack on Pearl Harbor did not find the doctors unprepared at the military commanding officers. They were ready for any eventuality, not only by trained personnel, but they had provided themselves with plenty of medical supplies. "In the spring of 1941 when most were thought Hawaii safe, and were preparations foolish, Col. King organized all civilian, navy and army medical forces to meet possible disaster. "When the attack started, the first medical man on the line was a young doctor who, as medical officer of the day, had gone out to Hickham Field at seven o'clock on that fateful Sunday morning, armed with a fit gun and accompanied by the crash-ambulance, he was on a routine duty to meet and direct

a flight of U. S. bombers expected from the mainland. He noted a flight of planes coming in, and then the bombs dropped. He and the rest of the medical corps were ready. The ambulances immediately rushed out from their parking places and went into action. The killers were raining death from the sky. The life savers were on the job below wherever they were needed to carry on the fight of mercy to save the wounded, whether civilians or soldiers. The sergeant in charge of medical supplies, when the first bomb fell threw open the great warehouses and loaded materials at once onto trucks. "At Hickham Field Col. Frank Lane, surgeon-in-charge, immediately set up an efficient evacuation system with 12 ambulances so that

the badly shocked among the wounded got first attention and those with a chance to live were not kept lying in the field while the ambulances were filled with men who would be dead before they reached the hospital. "When the medical history of this war is written, one of the most stirring chapters will be the story of the heroism, ingenuity, and preparedness of American doctors and nurses in caring for the war-wounded at Pearl Harbor under a rain of bombs. The newest medical weapons against pain and death were immediately available for the doctors in charge had seen to that. As a result a remarkable medical victory was won in saving the wounded. From the time that the Japanese began dropping deadly missiles on

Oahu until dusk, on December 7, was 12 hours during which 960 casualties were treated. By all past standards many of them would have died. But so promptly, thorough and efficient was the treatment that only a very small per cent of hopeless cases succumbed. The unparalleled results obtained were due to prompt transportation of the wounded to hospitals, generous use of transfusions, thorough debridement, no suturing even of large wounds, the liberal use of sulfa drugs and painstaking post-operative care. The use of the sulfa drugs was a new treatment in this war. They are sulfanilamide, sulfathiazole, and sulfadiazine. They are the group that is doing such wonders in modern times. Burns among the wounded were frequent and serious.

Retired Postal Employee Dies

Former Phillipsburg Mail Carrier Succumbs to Illness at Home

Jackson H. Harper, former Centre County school teacher and retired mail carrier, died at his home in Phillipsburg, Friday evening, following an illness of five or six weeks. Funeral services were held Monday afternoon with the Rev. Walter H. Williams, pastor of Trinity Methodist church, officiating, and burial was made in Phillipsburg cemetery. Mr. Harper was born August 25, 1867, on a farm near Port Matilda. He was a son of Joseph S. and Mary Williams Harper. On September 8, 1898, he was married to Pearl A. Biddle, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Biddle, at the home of the bride's parents in Phillipsburg. His widow survives him. Mr. Harper taught school for eight years in Centre County before he was married. He then taught school at Allport more than four years before moving to Phillipsburg to accept the position of letter carrier in December, 1902. He served in this capacity until his retirement September 1, 1932, when he was 65 years old. He was a member of the Official Board of the Trinity Methodist church, he served as church treasurer, and he taught a Sunday school class for the last 27 years. The following seven children survive: Wendell V. Harper, Tampa, Fla.; Wilma, Mrs. Charles Wood, Phillipsburg; Grace, Mrs. Robert B. Ives, Mobsie, Ala.; Wayne B. Harper, Phillipsburg; Joyce, Mrs. J. B. Foreman, Towanda, N. Y.; Helen, Mrs. George Finkbeiner, Lewistown; and Miss Dorothy Harper, Hollidaysburg. Nine grandchildren survive. The following five brothers and three sisters survive Mr. Harper: John O. M. Lebanon; George W. Port Matilda; William F. Wilkinsburg; Mrs. J. E. Moyer, Homer City; Mrs. Blowers Woodring, Port Matilda; C. A. Harper and S. S. Harper, both of Tyrone; and Mrs. W. Budd Behrer, Detroit, Mich.

Marine Is Buried With Full Honors

Milton Wallace Flegal, Native of Phillipsburg, Was Killed in Action

Milton Wallace Flegal, 18, native of Phillipsburg, Centre county, was buried Saturday with full military honors at McKeesport. Flegal was a member of the United States Marine Corps who was killed in action February 18 while serving at Pedro Miguel in the Panama Canal Zone. Details concerning his death were not given but the body arrived in McKeesport on Friday and was buried Saturday with military honors. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Foster E. Flegal. He was born in Phillipsburg and his family moved to McKeesport when he was small. He was the grandson of Mrs. Margaret Flegal and a nephew of Mrs. E. E. Deml and Miss Della Flegal. Flegal had been in service only two months. He quit his job in the office of the Universal Cement Company following the declaration of war in December. He enlisted in the Marines and was sent to Parris Island, S. C., for three weeks training and he was then sent to the Canal Zone. Besides his father and mother he is survived by five brothers and two sisters. Read the Classified ads.

Tyrone R.D. Man Killed By Auto

Fatally Injured While Walking Along Highway Near His Home

Andi Gilangi, 65, Ironsview, Tyrone R. D. 1, died Sunday afternoon at 12:15 o'clock at Altoona hospital where he was admitted on Sunday morning after he was struck by an automobile while walking on the highway near his home. Gilangi, according to state police, was walking on the highway toward his home when he was hit by an automobile driven by Arthur Morrisey, who lives near the same community. The man was taken to Altoona hospital in the Tyrone ambulance, where examination revealed possible fractures of the ribs, lacerations of the face and contusions of the shoulders. Death was attributed to shock. Gilangi was a native of Italy and prior to his retirement several years ago was employed as a trackman on the Middle Division of the Pennsylvania Railroad. Previous to this he was employed on the old Tyrone division at Mill Hill and Lock Haven in a similar capacity. Three Houses Burn Fire, starting at the home of Allen Payton of Clearfield, destroyed the Payton home and two adjoining dwellings last week, causing damage which Fire Chief Foster Kerr estimated at \$3,000.

Rationing Board Issues Permits

Chairman No. 1 Board Submits List of Eligible Tire Purchasers

Maurice Baum, chairman of Centre County Tire Rationing Board No. 1, of State College, submits a report of tires and tubes allocated for the week ending March 27. In the list below appear in order the name of the firm or individual getting tires or tubes, the classification, and the occupation in which the person is engaged: Boalsburg Auto Bus Company, State College, 2 truck tires, transportation; L. E. Gladfelter, State College, two passenger tires, well driller; Pleasant Gap Fire Co., 4 obsolete passenger tires and tubes, for ambulance; Lee J. Walker, Rebersburg, 2 truck tires and tubes, farmer; Palmer C. Bieri, Rebersburg, 1 truck tire and tube, 7 re-cap tires, school bus and defense transportation; Oren T. Meas, State College, truck tire and tube, hauling coal and produce; R. E. Breon, Rebersburg, 3 truck tires, 2 tubes, hauling milk; E. C. Vonada, Aaronburg, tube for manure spreader, farming; Paul R. Winters, Rebersburg, 2 truck tires and tubes, highway maintenance, and W. H. Seckinger, State College, 2 passenger tires and tubes, plumbing and heating. Every time you get your pay, buy Bonds and Stamps for the U. S. A.

Winnie-Winkle



By F. O. ALEXANDER

PETER PUBLIC—Surprise, Surprise!



IF THIS IS ANOTHER OF THOSE CHEISERS



BOY, OH BOY!—IT'S GOOD TO KNOW THERE'S FELLAS AROUND!

