

SIGNALS MIXED

For 15 months Lt. Walter E. Kelly had been longing for a trip home to Philadelphia. He went to Tampa, Fla., for a visit with his family and his fiancée. He finally got a two-day pass and flew to Philadelphia only to learn that his intended bride, Irene Gorman, was on a train headed for Tampa—to visit him. His parents were enroute to Philadelphia from Ocean City, N. J. Well, Kelly finally saw his mom and pop and then boarded another airliner for Tampa—and a girl named Irene, if she's still there.

NOT SO POOR

Walter Sumack, Uniontown recluse, who was believed to have died penniless, had \$2,230 sewed up in his mattress. The money was found by officials of the Salvation Army who recognize the dead man's possessions. Deputy Coroner J. T. Burhan, executor, has instituted suit to collect the money. After paying the funeral expenses, he said, he will turn over the balance to the State Department of Public Assistance in payment for relief money granted for many years.

PATRIOTIC FAMILY

Ten members of the D'Antonio family of Red Bank, N. J., are already in the American armed forces. They are Martin, Frank, Rocco, Dominick, James, Peter, Carmine, Vincent, Samuel and Tony. John is awaiting his call and Michael is anxious to join his brothers. Victor, who is only 14, is the only boy in the family who probably won't be able to do a uniform. Also three married sisters are working in war plants.

OUTRACES STORK

Informed by telegram that his wife was expecting the arrival of the stork at Kansas City, Mo., James K. Parr, Jr., rushed for his motorcycle and began a 1900 mile trek. He made the trip from Los Angeles in sixty-eight hours, stopping only long enough to sleep two hours. Fifteen minutes after his arrival, his wife gave birth to twins.

OPTIMISTIC

Dr. Dick Jordan, Indianapolis Dentist, now Lieutenant Jordan of Fort Thomas, Ky., government hospital, is optimistic over the outcome of the war. On the door of his office he has left a sign reading: "I have been called to military service, hoping to return about January 1943."

ARRANGES FUNERAL

Mrs. Mollie Reddick, 72, arranged her funeral to the last detail, visited the mortuary, selected her own casket and then invited the undertaker to come to her home to discuss final details. She died as he departed.

PLAYING AROUND AGAIN

Mrs. Mae Warner, of Haviland, Kans., who admits to more than 70 years, recently has been riding a bicycle around town. The townsfolk were surprised. She has been so busy shingling her house, they don't know how she found time to learn to ride.

Nestle-rod Cited for Bravery

Private Floyd E. Nestle-rod, son of Mr. and Mrs. George E. Nestle-rod, of Tyrone, and a grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Nestle-rod, of Blanchard, has been cited by the U. S. Army for "splendid attitude and exceptional bravery exhibited under bombing and machine gunning" in the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. Private Nestle-rod drove a bread truck before entering army service and is well known through Bald Eagle and Nittany Valleys.

Hurt in 40-Foot Fall

Francis Hooley, Jr., 8-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Fooley of Renovo, was knocked unconscious and suffered bruises about the body when he fell about 40 feet over an embankment on the Halls Run road near West Renovo. The boy was enjoying a hike with ten companions when he lost his footing. His injuries included contusions, bruises, shock and the effects of exposure.

It would probably surprise some school teachers to learn how little the average pupil gets out of a school term.

Buy Defense Bonds now!

All Members Battleship's Band Killed

All 21 musicians in the U. S. S. Arizona band were killed in the explosion of that battleship's magazine while they were passing ammunition to the guns aboard during the Pearl Harbor attack December 7, naval authorities disclosed this week.

The Arizona was destroyed in the Japanese sneak attack. The navy issued this statement: "What becomes of the boys in the band when the guns begin to roar?"

40 Rural School Pupils Poisoned

The sudden illness of 40 pupils of the Liberty Township consolidated school near Fort Allegany was termed result of food poisoning following investigation by Dr. H. J. McChes, of Kane McKean county medical director. Cause of the illness was traced to a gelatine food which was prepared and then held a few days before it was served. The pupils were stricken within an hour after they had eaten lunch and physicians who were called gave treatment for food poisoning.

Giant Runaway Balloon Snags In Trees On Tussey Mountain Near Petersburg

Big Barrage Balloon Causes Damage In Western Part of State Before Ending Flight; Trailed by Workers Over 300 Miles

A giant sausage-like barrage balloon ended a runaway flight of several hundred miles from near Akron, Ohio, last Thursday night by bumping into the side of towering Tussey mountain, near Petersburg, Huntingdon county, and sagged helplessly among a clump of trees. T. Roy Morton, district forester, Petersburg, came upon the balloon as it rested across a fire path about half way up the desolate mountain above Diamond valley.

"It looked pretty well damaged, dangling among the trees," said Morton. "The markings on the side giving the pressure was plain. The long cable was stretched among the trees."

The site was about 30 miles east of Altoona. A crew of the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company, which had followed the big bag in a bus it soared crazily across eastern Ohio and western Pennsylvania, arrived Thursday night.

The balloon broke loose from Goodyear's Wingfoot Lake airdock at 10:13 a. m., and was swept east rapidly.

Breaking from its suffled moorings in a high wind, the balloon headed due east towards Pittsburgh. It was traveling fast and twisting in the air. The Goodyear Company broadcast warnings that it was "very dangerous" and airplane pilots were advised to look out for it. Police followed its eastward odyssey with an anxious eye.

First damage was caused when the dangling cable struck a utility company distributing circuit north-east of Pittsburgh. Then before settling on a hill near Vandergriff it snagged and tore power lines serving homes in several communities.

Before it could be anchored on the hill, the balloon teasingly soared aloft again. It snapped two more power lines before climbing to an altitude estimated at 5,000 feet. Utility crews were rushed out to repair the damage.

The balloon's cable struck and short-circuited a high tension power line at Northport, eight miles southwest of Punxsutawney, setting fire to adjacent woods and temporarily disrupting electric service in that area. A crew of men brought the fire under control before serious damage was done.

The balloon was reported to be the third to break loose from mooring at the Suffield testing grounds.

The crew of the Goodyear workers who trailed the balloon and finally caught up with it when it snagged on the side of the mountain.

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EVANGELIST WM. WHITMORE now holding religious services at Summit Hill Pilgrim Holiness Church, Marsh Creek. The series of meetings of which began Sunday, April 5th will continue for two weeks.

Former Tyrone Nurse Captive

Miss Louise Riley Reported Held Prisoner by Japanese

Miss Louise Riley, who was born and reared in Tyrone, and later of Cleveland, Ohio, is a prisoner of war in China, having been captured by the Japanese at Hankow, China, where she was in service as an Episcopalian nurse for the past ten years.

She is a daughter of John Riley and her mother will be remembered as Miss Elizabeth Shawley, Tyrone, who died several years ago. Her grandmother was well known in Tyrone, having resided on Lincoln avenue, and having been one of the charter members of the Trinity Episcopal church, the church in which Miss Riley was confirmed and attended regularly while in Tyrone.

Miss Riley was a member of Mrs. F. K. Lukenbach's Sunday school class while in Tyrone, and visited with Mrs. Lukenbach about six years ago.

She attended the grade schools in Tyrone, later graduating from the Greensburg High School. She graduated from the St. Margaret Hospital as a nurse following graduation, she left for China, going there as a registered nurse to the hospital at Wu Chung, under Dr. James, a woman physician.

This is the second person from Tyrone known to be a prisoner at the hands of the Japanese. Rev. Karl Eschback, Baguio, Philippines, being the other.

"Many a civilian has asked that question, x x x "The most dramatic answer has been furnished by the incident of the ship's band of the battleship Arizona.

"On December 7 they went to their battle stations, one of the most hazardous on the ship—down below passing ammunition to the guns above. To a man the Arizona's band was killed when the battleship's magazine exploded. x x x"

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The Home Front



GIRLS LIKE POKER PARTIES, TOO

Not only in war industries are women invading men's fields, but if girls have their way, stag poker parties may be a thing of the past.

According to a personality test given to 520 college students from five universities, coeds like to play poker, see horse races, and engage in political campaigns just as much as men students do.

Dr. Clifford R. Adams, assistant professor of psychology at the Pennsylvania State College, obtained these results in measuring masculine and feminine traits by means of the Personal Audit, a test devised by him and Dr. W. M. Lepley.

Men students, on the other hand, seem to be as much-struck as the girls. At least they have just as

Move to Complete Airport at Black Moshannon Viewed as Renewed Army Maneuver

Workmen Start Construction of New Power Line; Seen as Ideal Spot for Interceptor Plane Command; Located in Heart of State

The Black Moshannon airport, the largest emergency field in the United States, is to be completed and made ready for use, according to an announcement by the Philadelphia Daily Journal this week.

Pennsylvania Electric Company workmen actually started work on Monday, says the Journal, to take the power line to the airport so that the already installed lights may be hooked up and the field placed in service.

This sudden move after several years of idleness was seen to indicate that the army may have some plans concerning the field.

The Black Moshannon airport is situated on the summit of the Allegheny mountains in an ideal position of an army interceptor command. It was pointed out, there was absolutely no official comment on the field but observers pointed out that the field is located in the exact heart of the state in a central point to many of the nation's most important cities and industrial centers.

Planes stationed at the nearby port could easily supply any defense of New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, Buffalo, Pittsburgh, Akron, Cleveland, and other important manufacturing and defense cities. Strategically placed the port would offer protection to the nation's important bituminous and anthracite coal fields, oil wells, trans-continental railroads and highways, including the turnpike, steel, rubber, and other important industrial sections.

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BABY BORN IN ROCKING LIFEBOAT

The story of a brave woman giving birth to a son, in a lifeboat filled with survivors of a torpedoed vessel while tossed on the waves of an angry sea, is certain to become an epic of the Battle of the Atlantic—a battle which already has resulted in almost unbelievable tales of human courage, fortitude and endurance.

The woman, Mrs. Desanka Mohorovic, a sturdy built matron 28 years old with blond hair and bright blue eyes, was enroute to this country to join her husband who is attached to the Jugoslavain Consulate in New York, when the medium-sized vessel aboard which she was traveling with her two-year-old daughter, Vlna, was torpedoed by a German submarine.

Attended by a ship's doctor who was in agony because of two broken ribs, the young mother gave birth to a baby boy in a crowded lifeboat pitched about by 15-foot waves after their ship was sunk Sunday off the Atlantic coast.

Here is the story of the unusual experience as pieced together from the survivors:

"The skipper of the vessel had prepared for such an eventuality and arranged that the ship's doctor would go into the same lifeboat with the pregnant woman in event the vessel was attacked.

Thus, when two torpedoes struck the vessel, Sunday, shortly after noon, Mrs. Mohorovic, her two-year-old daughter, Dr. L. H. Conley of Brooklyn, and two other women climbed into No. 4 lifeboat with 17 other passengers and seamen.

The doctor took with him the simple instruments provided in an emergency lifeboat kit—some disinfectant, gauze and bandages, but no forceps and no anesthesia.

About nine hours after the lifeboat left the sinking vessel the child was born.

Leroy Tate, a seaman, told of the difficulties under which the delivery was performed:

"The sea was rough. The waves were high and water was constantly being splashed into the boat. By the time labor pains had begun the boat was practically full of water."

"The woman had no shoes. Although the pains continued for several hours she was more than brave. She did not complain and did everything she could to make it as easy as possible for the doctor and those who attended."

"We rigged up a piece of canvas as a shield to give her privacy for the ordeal."

It was not until 40 hours after their vessel had been torpedoed that U. S. naval vessels picked them up. Some of the survivors in the lifeboat were so weak by then that they had to be assisted up the side of the rescue boat.

But not Mrs. Mohorovic. She climbed virtually unassisted up the cargo net which had been lowered over the side, and then walked the full length of the naval vessel and took a shower before going to bed.

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Car, Coal Truck Crash On Road

Vehicles Go Over Six-Foot Bank; Power Pole Snapped Off in Collision

A serious motor accident in which miraculously no one was hurt, occurred Wednesday afternoon of last week at Dunstons, Clinton county.

About 1:45 a light coach driven by Walter Hamberger, Jr., of Lock Haven, R. D. 1, and a heavily loaded coal truck operated by Charles Hahn, of Karthaus, collided, left the highway at the five-way intersection near the McCloskey Service Center, went over a six-foot embankment and snapped off a telephone pole which was about a foot in diameter at the base.

Hamberger, according to State Motor Police reports, had left the service station where he had obtained gasoline. Facing west, he turned onto the highway and was driving east on the right of the road. He attempted to turn left at the five-way intersection to go toward Lockport on the old macadam road.

Meanwhile the truck, moving east from Lock Haven, was overtaking the car when the two collided.

The car came to rest part way down the embankment, having been pinned between the snapped pole and a tree which withstood the shock. The truck crashed onward into the yard at the home of J. H. Hitchner, passing the porch and coming to a stop within five feet of the house.

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William Eugene Langer, Altoona, who allegedly taught his son to steal in a purse snatching, was sentenced Monday to serve two to five years in the workhouse and pay a fine of \$50 and costs of prosecution.

The Blair County judge roundly scolded Langer for teaching his boys to steal and permitting them to live in a hotel. The judge remarked that it is such parents who are largely responsible for the growth of juvenile delinquency.

The police said the defendant received the proceeds from half a dozen or more purse snatching thefts committed by a son, Edward Langer, now in the Pennsylvania industrial school for boys. Langer was said to have received \$9.90 which was the sum stolen by the son when he took a young girl's purse at an Altoona market March 18.

The court stipulated that Langer's term in the workhouse is to be at separate and solitary confinement and at labor. The defense offered by Langer is that he is in poor health, yet he admitted all of the allegations preferred against him.

It is said an investigation by city police disclosed that Langer and his two boys, as well as another boy, lived in squalor in the city. The family received relief at times but Langer was alleged to have urged the boys to steal.

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Clearfield County Coroner Dr. E. S. Erhard, Curwensville, and state officials investigated the accident on Wednesday. It was the first mine fatality of the year in the Moshannon Valley.

Beaver No. 2 mine is owned by James Eyer, of Philipsburg. Latz and his buddy were said to have been working together when the accident occurred. Latz was doing pillar work, digging coal from a pillar when the rock fell from the roof and crushed him beneath it.

Other miners were called to the scene and helped to pry the rock from the crushed form and he was rushed to the hospital in the ambulance. Doctors pronounced him dead, however, and he was not admitted. It is believed that he died instantly.

His body was badly crushed. His neck, arms, legs, and ribs were fractured. Latz was said to be stooped over picking when the rock came loose. It was more than a foot

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Mrs. Roy L. Guyer, 29, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dominick Porto, Elkland, died of burns suffered when a furnace oil burner backfired at her Newark, N. J. home Sunday.

Located only 175 miles from the Atlantic ocean, the field would offer a base for interceptor planes to head off any raiders succeeding in getting past the coastal defense.

The airport, with its mile-long runways, was dedicated a year ago last September with a number of state officials speaking at the program which attracted thousands of people. At that time the port was completed with the exception of an administration building and the actual hooking up of electric power to the already installed lights.

A crew of 18 men were on the job (Continued on Page 512)

Belleville's community ducks, Raymond and Diane, who have had the run of the area near the falls on South Water street since last summer, and who are expected to become the parents of a family of ducklings this spring, are believed to have been the victims of a nest robbery not long ago. The story goes that Diane had fashioned a nest on Gambel Island and has been hatching a number of eggs. Then one day the eggs disappeared. Since that time a new nest has been built and ten new eggs are on the way to becoming ducklings. About five persons in the area are quietly standing guard over the new nest, to see that the low trick is not repeated. They're particularly watching a certain man who is suspected of having taken the duck eggs home for a hen to complete hatching. If he gets a charge of buckshot one of these days, it will be no more than is coming to him. If we were sure he took the eggs we'd tell you his name.

Martins
The Martins which each summer nest in the wall spaces of the Centre County Court House, and which are among this locality's best weather prognosticators, are back for the season. The birds took possession of their summer homes on Friday, April 3, which according to county officers and employees in the building, is about ten days earlier than usual. For that reason, they claim, we can expect an early spring.

USE IT, BOYS:
This corner is happy to announce that customers served by the West Penn Power Company can use all the electric power they please for lighting, home appliances, and workshops. There is nothing unpatriotic in using the power, and you're not hindering the war effort by so doing. Electricity is like water. The power company must have sufficient reserve in its lines at all times to take care of the tremendous demand which would be caused if everyone turned on all his lights, heaters, refrigerators, motors, radios, ranges, sweepers, and other appliances at one time. Friend John Popson, dealer representative of the West Penn, explains that since the big reserve of power must be maintained always, there's no reason why it shouldn't be used. The West Penn power plants are geared to more than meet any expected emergency, but even under extraordinary conditions, with many unforeseen new industries tapped to the West Penn lines, the worst that would happen to residential users would be that they'd be asked to defrost their refrigerators, or change their washing time, or refrain from using their sweepers for a few hours on certain days when the demand for current was at its peak. Popson added that residential users of electricity can do themselves and their country a good turn by keeping all electrical equipment in proper mechanical condition. Dealers can explain what steps should be taken to insure long and trouble-free life for your appliances.

VANZANDT EXPLAINS:
Elsewhere in this issue appears a statement by Congressman James E. VanZandt in regard to the "Washington Merry-Go-Round" account of his experience with a War Department guard at Washington. The story appeared in this column two weeks ago. Mr. VanZandt's explanation is much, much too wordy for publication in this column—and that's no surprise.

WHAT TO DO?
Belleville's policemen got mildly bounced in Council Monday night for escorting women home late at night in the borough police car. During the purse-snatching and attack scene in Belleville last year Council instructed police to take persons home at night if they asked for such service. Those instructions have never been withdrawn, and police, consequently, were doing as they were told. Council's action Monday night forbidding the use of

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Burns Fatal To Mother of Six

Can Explodes While Pouring Coal Oil on Fire at Farm Home

Mrs. Elizabeth Erma Knarr 33, wife of Henry E. Knarr, was fatally burned while pouring kerosene in a stove at her home near Rauchtown, Clinton county, one morning last week. She died at the Jersey Shore Hospital where she was taken immediately after the accident.

Mrs. Knarr, mother of six children, is reported to have gone into a summer kitchen, where she was preparing to wash, and poured kerosene from a can into the stove when the explosion occurred. With all her clothing burning and rolled in a pile of snow in the yard.

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