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PAPER GOES TO WAR

Thomas W. Waldron, publisher of the Trenton News, a New Jersey weekly, announces he will cease publication May 15 for the duration—because practically his entire staff has joined the army.

OBEYED PUP

When Brownie, pet pup, refused to go home after a visit to a neighbor's house at Pratt, Kansas, the neighbors called the pup's owner over the telephone.

SPIRIT OF '76

A story of the Spirit of '76, and a ringing example to those who are lax in patriotism, comes from Bellwood, Lem Price, 84 years of age and full of vim, vigor and patriotism, applied at the recruiting office in Altoona and offered to enlist.

SLIGHT MISTAKE

Mrs. Pearl Prout and her three children of Indianapolis, became ill after supper. Police asked her what they had eaten and she told them a cake she'd baked with sour milk a relative had left.

BROTHERLY BROTHERS

Fred F. Finney, 54, and David B. Finney, 52, of Petersburg, Ill., carry their brother act pretty far. The brothers, both Rotarians and Masons, recently entered the hospital, one after the other, to be operated on, by the same surgeon, for identical ailments.

MY BABY BROTHER

Los Angeles police hailed Robert LaBonge as he was speeding home. "I've got to hurry," the flustered LaBonge shouted, "my baby brother is about to have a wife."

ALLERGIC TO UNIFORMS

George Mauraick is physically sound but he's back at home from the navy. Why? Doctors found he was allergic to wool—every time he put on his Navy uniform, he broke out in a rash which defied the doctors.

STATE COLLEGE RESIDENTS ON USO COMMITTEE

Pennsylvania will be asked to contribute \$3,700,000 as its part of the \$22,000,000 war fund which is to be raised through the country from May 11 to July 4 for the work of the United Service Organization (USO).

CAA UNIT TO REMAIN AT LOCAL AIRPORT

The Civil Aeronautics Authority will continue to operate its intermediate field at Bellefonte, although plans had been made to move it to Black Moshannon, according to word received by the Bellefonte Chamber of Commerce this week.

Man Found Dead Near Philipsburg

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Sugar Ration To Be Half Pound Per Person for Each Family for First 2 Months

Decision on Future Allowances Will Depend Upon Supply; No Retail Sales of Sugar Will Be Permitted For One Week

Sugar sales will be limited to a half pound a week per person, during the first two months of government rationing, State Rationing Administrator T. Elmer Transeau announced this week.

Sandy Ridge Home Destroyed by Fire

Members of Family Were Absent When Residence Caught A-fire

Phillipsburg, Osecola Mills and Sandy Ridge Fire Companies responded to a call shortly after 4 a. m. Sunday to fight a fire which completely destroyed a large six-room home occupied by the William Miller family in Sandy Ridge.

Gift Boxes For Men In Service

Scores in Snow Shoe-Clearance Area Contribute Cash and Cigarettes

A campaign to send boxes and cigarettes to men in the service has been completed for the Snow Shoe-Clearance district.

PENN STATE TEAM WINS LIVESTOCK JUDGING MEET

The Pennsylvania State College team won the recent annual Eastern Intercollegiate livestock judging contest at State College with a score of 2249 points out of a possible 2750.

Gasoline Supply Cut

A 33 1/2 per cent reduction in gasoline deliveries to service stations became effective on the east coast and in the Pacific Northwest last Thursday.

Injured in Fall

Standing on a high chair to clean the corner cupboard at her home, Mrs. Harry Helwig, Roaringcreek township, near Bloomburg, slipped as she attempted to step down from the chair. In falling, she fractured her right arm.

School Receives Defense Payment

State Treasurer G. Harold Wagner announced last week the payment of \$1642 to Spring Township School District, Pleasant Gap, for carrying on Vocational Education-National Defense.

A War Garden Casualty



STUDENTS WIN HIGH HONORS

Excellence in scholarship won several awards for students at the School of Agriculture at the Pennsylvania State College scholarship day exercises on April 19.

Col. Adams Reappointed

Governor James, for the fourth time since he assumed office three years ago, appointed Col. Lynn G. Adams to head the Pennsylvania state police Monday.

PROPER DISPLAY OF THE FLAG

The American flag is probably more revered today than at any time in its history. Wherever it flies on foreign soil it is looked upon as a liberator from tyranny and oppression.

Tires Issued In Clinton County

Clinton county's two tire rationing boards issued permits for 17 truck tires and 13 truck tubes, the recapping of six truck tires, sale of five passenger tires, seven passenger tubes and recapping of ten passenger tires for the week of April 8-14.

Brothers Die In Auto Crash

Two sons of David L. Lawrence, Democratic State Leader, Killed

Two sons of David L. Lawrence, National Democratic Committee member and former Secretary of the Commonwealth, were killed and five other Pittsburgh boys injured in an auto accident three miles south of Portersville, Butler county, Sunday night.

Dr. Heckman To Remain As Supt.

Former Bellefonte Pastor Again Chosen to Head Methodist Home

Dr. Edgar R. Heckman of Tyrone, former pastor of the Bellefonte Methodist church, was chosen to continue as superintendent of the Methodist Home for the Aged at Tyrone, according to announcement Friday by Bishop Adna W. Leonard at the 74th session of the Central Pennsylvania Methodist Conference at Bloomsburg.

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Japanese Show Confusion Over American Bombing Attacks Blasting Tokyo

Still Trying to Figure Out How They Were Bombed In Their Own Islands Saturday; American Government Remains Silent

Warplanes bearing the United States insignia bombed Tokyo and at least three other great Japanese cities for the first time in history, Saturday, strewing death and destruction across an 800-mile trail, that stirred terror and bitter outcries from the Japanese people.

Bellefonte R. D. Woman Uninjured

Five Motorists Escape Serious Injury in Collision Sunday

Mrs. Elizabeth Nesheruk, 29, and her son, aged 11, reported by motor police to be residents of Bellefonte, R. D. 1, escaped serious injury Sunday afternoon when their car, driven by Mrs. Nesheruk, crashed headlong into another car six miles east of Nett's Mills, Huntingdon county.

STUDENTS AT PENN STATE SPONSOR HIGH SCHOOL DAY

Students at the Pennsylvania State College will sponsor a "High School Day" on the campus this Saturday, and have invited high school seniors from all over the state to be their guests.

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SHOPE STREET:

Last year Henry Brockerhoff, then a member of Bellefonte Council, publicly demanded that the Bellefonte Borough Auditors surcharge members of Council for the cost of building Shope street, which he claimed was built in disregard of a policy resolution making it mandatory for all such construction to be paid in part by the property owners benefited by such work, on a foot-front basis. The auditors, in an effort to settle the controversy, have retained an attorney who is now considering the merits of the case.

FLAGS:

Wouldn't hurt any if some of the flags that are displayed in Bellefonte on patriotic occasions were given a dry-cleaning. Some of them look as though they're fresh from a coal mine.

SERENADERS:

Some members of Bellefonte Council said Monday night that Bellefonte firemen should discontinue taking newly-wedded couples for "rides" until the war is over. Probably because Council at various times has indicated that fire truck sirens might be used as local air raid signals, the sound of sirens on parading trucks during wedding celebrations causes confusion and alarm, Councilmen said.

POUND OF COAL:

Last year American Railroads reached a new peak of efficiency. For each pound of fuel used in freight service they hauled 9 tons of freight and equipment one mile. In 1921 the best railroad could do with a pound of coal was to haul 6 1-5 tons for a mile. Best of us waste enough coal during a winter to move our homes across the state.

PSST!:

Raymond and Diane, Mallard ducks down at the falls, expect a blessed event—or five or six—on or about April 28.

DYNAMITE:

Those in the know claim that a semi-official theory now under consideration in the Taylor murder case is "dynamite" of the highest order. Sounds interesting, doesn't it? If the theory holds water, most of us wouldn't care how much dynamite it contained.

ARMY:

Monday's newspapers carried the first stories about the probability of married men being drafted into the army. We've been looking for that story for some time, because it stands to reason if the U. S. is to mobilize an army of 8 to 10 million men, some married men will have to be taken. Some will be drafted for army service; others for duty in war industries. Few of us will complain, we think, if we already have begun to feel pangs of conscience in continuing in our regular peace-time work when there's a job to be done, even if it is an unpleasant task.

ACADEMY:

By September, we hope, the Bellefonte Academy building will be vacated by the public schools. The Academy then will return to its previous state of disuse and the big white building overlooking Bellefonte again will be a constant reminder that something should be done to convert it into permanent usefulness. Maybe the coming reunion and dinner of the Bellefonte Academy Alumni Association will produce something constructive in suggestions for the future of the historic building.



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PETER PUBLIC—On Wheels, Hot Stuff!

