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SLIGHT ERROR

A middle-aged woman walked into a high school at Towanda, N. Y., where blood was being donated to the Red Cross blood bank...

MULE MUST LEARN

A balky mule won't appreciate this sugar rationing business. The rationing board at Richmond, Ind., received a plea from the mule's owner for a book of stamps for the animal...

CHICKEN RESCUE

Miss Veronica Abell, of Leonardtown, Md., didn't have much time to act when she discovered a setting hen dead, and the nest of eggs near the hatching stage...

TO SHARE SUGAR

Sightless Paul Oliver asked at sugar rationing headquarters in Philadelphia if he could register his "seeing-eye" dog as a member of his family...

WORLD WAR I SUGAR

An elderly couple, applying for a sugar rationing book at Salisbury, Mass., told Superintendent of Schools Fred R. Small they had forty pounds of sugar laid by since the first World War...

AMERICAN DINER IS DESTROYED BY FLAMES

Flames completely destroyed the American Diner, located on the Port Matilda road, shortly after noon on Thursday, Phillipsburg firemen responded to the alarm but were handicapped at the scene by the lack of water...

Tables and chairs, carried from the burning building were the only equipment saved.

It was understood part of the damage would be covered by insurance.

A Crazy Quilt Not So Crazy

Many Centre county women deserve praise for their skill in designing unique crazy quilts, but we believe national honors belong to Mrs. Ethel Sampson of Evanston, Illinois, for the one she is working on right now...

Mrs. Sampson decided some ten years ago to write the celebrities all over the world, asking them for a piece of personal material that she could include in her masterpiece.

Cat and Blacksnake Tangle

A cat owned by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cole, of Weston, Bradford county, was nearly squeezed to death by a blacksnake recently, but the conflict started is not known, but the snake was having the best of it until a neighbor saw the occurrence and called Mr. Cole, who cut off the reptile's head and released the cat.

A DAY OF GRATITUDE—POPPY DAY

Did you ever walk down the long aisles of the hospitals where lie the living disaster of the World War I? No? Come along, then—let us walk among these shattered men. Here is one—walking slowly—bent over his cane. He was made an old man in an hour. Shell shock! Here is another—sitting in a chair. He is emaciated—Poison gas! Here is another—lying in bed peacefully—open-eyed—as if waiting final deliverance. How describe his state—Riddled by a machine gun! And here are other men—strangely happy. They are busy—they greet us cordially—but they work—work on.

They are MAKING POPPIES. One of them, filled with joy, tells us he has made enough to buy his little granddaughter a new dress. How beautiful—yet how it grips our hearts! And there are hundreds more. How eagerly they greet us. We are STRANGERS—but we are from the world which has gone away AND LEFT THEM. Let us help them while we may—for their days are numbered. Squads of them answer the LAST CALL each day. Buy a Poppy. The first of the 1942 poppies will be sold in Belleville on Saturday, Belleville Post No. 1600, Veterans of Foreign Wars, is supervising the sale of memorial poppies here.

Former Bellefonte Youth Piloted Bomber Which Took Part In Raid on Jap Base

Lieut. Christian L. Herron is Hero of Thrilling Adventure in Southwest Pacific; Story Told by Accompanying Newsman

A thrilling story of an American bomber attack on Japanese bases written by Harold Guard, United Press correspondent from an advance American air base in the southwest Pacific, gives great credit to a former Bellefonte boy, Lieutenant Christian L. Herron, who was pilot of the bomber to which the reporter was assigned during the raid. The copyrighted story appeared in a recent issue of the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette.

Rodeheaver At Milton, May 28th



Homer Rodeheaver, nationally known singer and trombone player, who was formerly musical director and soloist with Evangelist Billy Sunday, will appear in the First Evangelical church at Milton, on the evening of May 28. He has been secured by the Central District Christian Endeavor Union, who thinks itself very fortunate to have in their midst "Reddy," the friend of young people the world over.

In recent years he became one of the artists of the National Broadcasting Company and has presented

was superintendent of the Pennsylvania State Industrial School until his death some years ago. Since then members of the family have resided in Pittsburg.

Ed. Note: Sunday's newspapers carried an account of Lt. Herron's death in an airplane crash in the southwest Pacific. Full story will be found on Page 1 of this issue.

Here is the United Press correspondent's story of the raid in which he was a passenger in Lt. Herron's plane.

You don't know whether you're scared or not while your big bomber is laying its eggs of death in a Japanese nest, while fighters are diving at you with machine guns chattering, while shells burst like puff-balls around you, while the bombardier sings like a fool, "I Don't Want to Get the World on Fire."

You don't know then, but when it's all over you know. You were scared to death.

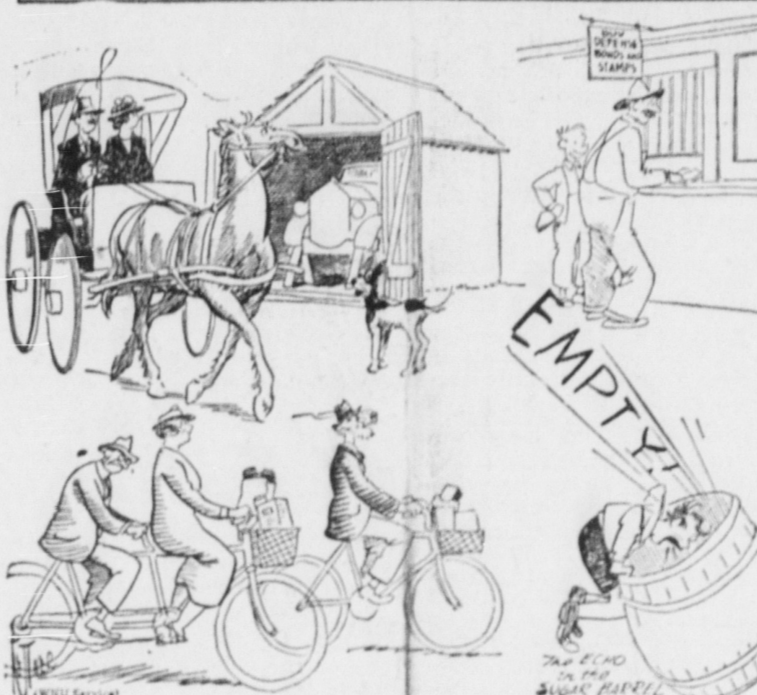
The communique reporting the American bombing raid recently on Rabaul, the main Japanese base in New Guinea, said:

"Our air force attacked shipping, barracks and warehouses and machine-gunned personnel. Incendiary bombs were dropped on wharf establishments."

That doesn't begin to tell the story. I saw the bombs crash where they did the most good, watched while gunners fought off Japanese planes which hurled at us from the clouds, dipped sickeningly down to

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"For the Duration"



AMERICAN HEN MUST LAY

The Surplus Marketing Administration will support the price of eggs during the flush production season this spring at 85 per cent of parity, Terhoben said.

The egg production goal for the United States this year is 3,822,477,000 dozen eggs, according to the chief of the poultry buying section of the Government's Surplus Marketing Administration.

Last year the country produced about 2,329,915,000 dozen eggs, Terhoben said. This increased production is expected to total about 522,000,000 dozen.

However, this does not mean there will be a surplus, Terhoben said, as the Government expects to buy more

Great Six-Day Sea Battle Ends as Jap Warships Flee United States Guns in Defeat

Allies Claim at Least Temporary Victory Off Australia; Military Authorities Declare Fight Has Ended Jap Invasion Threat

In nine dynamic words, "the enemy has been repulsed." Our attacks will continue, Gen. Douglas MacArthur's headquarters in Australia reported at least preliminary victory for the Allies in the great six-day battle of the Coral Sea, Saturday, and indicated that the proud Japanese naval squadrons were in flight. Remnants of the Japanese armada, seeking desperately to escape the terrific hammering of Allied planes and naval guns, were described as zig-zagging frantically in flight. The fury of the American sea and air force has exacted a toll of twenty-one ships, it was announced Sunday.

General Douglas MacArthur's headquarters announced that the battle which appeared on the basis of preliminary reports to have been the most successful in United States naval history, now was completely ended.

Reports from advanced Allied bases said that at least 500 planes took part in the five-day aero-naval battle, the crucial phase of which was fought 450 miles off the coast of northeast Australia. They included torpedo carriers and dive bombers which were believed to have taken a dominant role in shattering the Japanese invasion fleet.

Berlin radio said Japan claimed that the United States lost 200 planes in the battle.

Imply Enemy Route Official sources parried questions whether the Allies or Japanese nav-

"WAR-WRAPPED"

The G. C. Murphy store Friday instituted a program of "war-wrapping" of items bought in that store. The "wrapping" consists of a sticker 1 1/2 by 2 inches in size, on which is printed "War Wrapped." It isn't entirely a gag, however. The stickers pasted on by clerks, indicate that the items have been paid for and releases customers of any suspicion of shop-lifting.

WELL, WELL! Our friend Dwight A. Yarnell, Pennsylvania Railroad agent here, announced that the Bellefonte passenger and freight stations are being repainted, inside and out, and that fluorescent lights are being installed in the freight station. Since Bellefonte residents have almost become resigned to dowdy-looking railroad buildings, the announcement comes as a most pleasant surprise.

GAS SAVER: A former Bellefonte man who resides in a city 116 miles distant, motored home during the weekend and on the trip coasted at every opportunity, keeping a record of the mileage covered without the aid of the engine. Upon adding up the free-wheeling distance, he was somewhat amazed to find that of the 116 miles he coasted 42 of them, or more than one-third of the way. Unfortunately he was unable to report his gasoline mileage.

EVER HAVE THIS HAPPEN? The other evening Centre County District Attorney Musser W. Gettling drove down town, attended a meeting and returned home. Next morning when he went to the garage near his home to get his car he was dismayed to find it gone. Walking downtown, he notified police of the theft of the machine and was on his way to his office when he spied his car parked along the curb. He had overlooked taking it home the night before!

NEW CLUB MEMBER Earl K. Stock, supervising principal of the Bellefonte Schools, is the latest member of the "I've Quit Smoking Club." Mr. Stock, a pack-a-day cigarette smoker for 22 years, broke off on April 1, and hasn't touched the weed since then. "Haven't minded it a bit," he claims, and he looks it—slightly heavier, better color, etc.

BOMBS FASCINATE: Mrs. E. N. Parker, the former Elizabeth Hunter, of Bellefonte, lately returned from the Hawaiian Islands, had a grand time at the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. The hotel at which she was residing faced on the harbor. Although some of the bombs struck close to the hotel, Mrs. Parker and friends remained there watching the attack, grimly fascinated by the raid which resulted in this nation entering the war.

S. O. S. The Bellefonte school board is again considering an old and knotty problem. During the summer months some teachers conduct private classes, charging a fee to students and using school classrooms, machines, and equipment. The question is: should such teachers be required to pay a fee for the use of the rooms and equipment? Some board members believe that since the teachers profit by such classes, they should be charged a small fee for the use of school property. Other board members feel that such classes should be encouraged because they afford an opportunity to the taxpayers of the town to receive special education and that no fee should be charged for use of school property. (Continued on Page Five)

JOE LOUIS NAMED THE WAR

On the night of March 10th, at a Navy Relief Fund rally in Madison Square Garden, New York, a man of peace which has known slavery and so knows the meaning of freedom, made a remark that crystallized the meaning of all those things for which the people of the United States sacrifice and fight today. The man was Private Joe Louis, U. S. A., the heavyweight champion of the world. His words were, "We are going to win, because we are on God's side."

Carl Byoir, New York public relations counsel, was one of the millions who heard Joe's words. But he was the only man we know who recognized the fact that Joe had named the war—a war which, as President Roosevelt has pointed out, has needed a name.

In this recognition Mr. Byoir found inspiration for a prose poem which appears in the May 16th issue of Collier's Magazine. We believe it is something our readers will want to preserve, so have received permission to reprint the poem.

Joe, you have named the war. I don't think you knew That you were naming the war, But you named it. You named it when you said, "We are going to win, Because we are on God's side." You were right, Joe. And you have named the war. This is God's War.

And out of some instinct that reaches back Thousands and thousands of years; Back through all the struggle of mankind To establish the rights That we are fighting to keep now. But you were right, Joe. You named the war. This is God's War.

Maybe you are the first human being In five thousand years Who was not too conceited in naming a war. For in all the wars that men have fought in the past, Men on both sides said, "God is on our side." I think you are the only man in all history Who ever said, "We are on God's side." Of course I know, Joe. That you were not thinking about naming a war. You just put into words something that you felt. Way down inside of you. So maybe it was your great grandfather Who named the war. I imagine he was born a free man, Joe. And then someone brought him to America And made a slave out of him. And maybe through the long nights he dreamed Of being free again Because he knew the bitterness And the agony of slavery. He knew the value of freedom And wanted it again. And maybe he was there, Joe, When Abraham Lincoln wrote the Emancipation Proclamation And said that this really was a free country And that it came true. That white men and black men were all free. That here it didn't make any difference About a man's race or creed or color. That this was really a country where all men were free. Maybe those words were stamped On your great grandfather's heart. And maybe they were burned into his soul, And maybe he came to love America And to cherish its freedoms More than some people who just inherited them.

William K. Wilson to Be Executed For Killing Rose Haber

William K. Wilson, 21-year-old Pittsburgh Negro who pleaded guilty to murder at the urging of a missionary that he "tell the truth," must die in the electric chair at Rockview for killing Rose Haber, 34, a drug store clerk in a McNaughton, Judge William H. McNaughton of Allegheny county said he found "nothing in the case that merits extension of mercy." Wilson had also pleaded guilty to eight other robberies, assault, rape and attempted rape charges.

Wilson told the court he slugged Miss Haber last July and admitted with her purse containing \$3, as she lay fatally injured on a sidewalk.

Prior to Wilson's admission of the crime, a wide search was made for the slayer. Among the suspects was Hoy Houck of Bellefonte, who was taken to Pittsburgh for questioning and later exonerated.

Knocked Out by Kick of Horse

M. L. Corman, well known proprietor of the Turkey Bar-B-Q stand in Beech Creek township, Clinton county, was admitted to the Lock Haven Hospital for surgical treatment last Wednesday evening for a serious cut on the top of his head which he received when he was kicked by a horse. An x-ray examination revealed no fracture. The accident happened as Mr. Corman and his son on horseback were following some cattle into the mountains. They dismounted to capture one animal, and as Mr. Corman was bending over, the horse lashed out with its rear feet. He was unconscious until admitted to the Lock Haven Hospital. Fortunately, the horse was still unshod, or the injury might have been more serious. (Continued on Page Five)

Aged Tyrone Man Killed by Auto

Struck by Car While on Way Home From Prayer Meeting

Harry S. Blake, 92, of Tyrone, was instantly killed Wednesday night last when he was struck by an automobile on the way home from prayer meeting. Tyrone police said that a car driven by Paul H. Baker, 18, of Altoona, had struck Mr. Blake, hurtling him through the air for a distance of 84 feet three inches, as he was crossing the street at the intersection of Pennsylvania avenue and Cotthage street on the way to his home. Baker told police he could not see the man in time to keep from hitting him because it was so dark at that particular spot and it was even made worse because of pouring rain. Baker's car was damaged to the approximate extent of \$35. The left headlight which was determined to be the object that struck the victim was completely demolished, and the grill and the hood were also damaged. Witnesses told police that a car

Brakeman Killed As Train Shifts

Jerry Dixon Caught Between Two Cars Near Woodland

Jerry P. Dixon, 29-year-old Oscoda Mills railroad worker, was killed late Saturday night as a result of a railroad accident which occurred between Woodland and Clearfield as the night shifter of the Pennsylvania railroad was shifting at the Barrett brickyard, near Woodland. Dixon, who was a brakeman on the train crew, was caught between two cars and crushed when the train shifted. The accident occurred about ten o'clock. Dixon was taken to the Clearfield hospital where he died before midnight. He had been employed by the railroad only 5 months. Dixon was born at Endendale, November 20, 1912. He was a son of Jerry and Maude Emerick Dixon. His parents survive him together with his widow, the former Pearl Spittler, and four sons, Ronald, William, John and Wayne. The following brothers and sisters also survive: (Continued on Page Six)

Man Meets Death By Electrocutation

Stephen Bilanich Victim of Accident in Phillipsburg Area

Stepping backward into a live wire while working at the Maxton slope near Hawk Run, Phillipsburg area, Stephen Bilanich was electrocuted last Thursday evening shortly before 11 o'clock. First aid crews from the Pennsylvania Electric Company and a squad of five men from the Hope Fire Company of Phillipsburg were rushed to the scene in an attempt to revive the injured man. Rescue squads worked until 2:30 Friday morning. Mr. Bilanich was born August 8, 1896, in Troy and had resided there all his life. He had been employed most of his life as a shot firer in the local mines. Surviving are his wife, Julia Thomas Bilanich, and the following children: Mrs. Alfred Harvey, Mrs. Joseph Franek, Kyertown; Louise and Gayle, at home, Andrew Bilanich, the father, and the following (Continued on Page Six)

Clinton County Man Escapes Serious Injury in Accident

William McGinnis, 20, of Farrandville, Clinton county, received bruises of the left leg and both arms and a laceration of the forehead on Sunday afternoon when he drove a car into a moving freight train at the Farrandville crossing. The Motor police who will bring a charge of driving without an operator's license against him, said McGinnis, who was coming from Farrandville, apparently became confused as he approached the crossing. McGinnis' car hit about midway in the train, but the freight did not come to a stop until a considerable distance beyond the crossing, as the train crew were unaware of the crash until those on the caboose saw the wreckage and signaled for a stop. He was treated at the Lock Haven Hospital. Once upon a time husbands did not stoop to housework.

NANCY BY ERNIE BUSHMILLER



PETER PUBLIC—Smut Session



HAVE NO FEAR! TH' LAW WILL DEAL WITH WHOEVER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS



YOU AN' I ARE! THAT'S WHO I-AN' I PROPOSE A LITTLE BON FIRE --!



By F. O. ALEXANDER

