

Odd and CURIOUS in the NEWS

DOG ADOPTS CHICKS

"Mitz," a poodle dog owned by Ed Ringler, driver of the Hollidaysburg night bus, has adopted a family of five chicks. The peeps were bought for a son, but upon the arrival of the new pets they were in turn taken over by a pet. Mitz cries until she is near them, neighbors' dogs are warned by the throaty growl and a pet cat is taboo in their vicinity. Latest in their care is a new one brought up by the chicks themselves. Going to bed one night the family was particularly to see that they were in their box made for them and cover thrown over. In the morning they were surprised to find all five chicks outside their box and snuggled in the protecting warmth of Mitz's body. Mitz, a former circus performer, knows quite a few tricks but this newest one astounded everyone.

HE FOOLED 'EM

"I'm satisfied with my present employment. I do not care to be drafted and just what are you going to do about it?" That was what John D. Vincent wrote to his draft board in Belton, Mont. after receiving his questionnaire. And he got away with it. But he filled out the questionnaire listing his residence as Camp Roberts; his occupation as busk private, U. S. Army; his duties KP and marching; his average pay \$21 a month, minus deductions. Vincent had enlisted.

A STAMP-LICKER

Nicodemus, a two-year-old dachshund, is doing his bit by licking war savings stamps. His master Charles Gallenkamp, of Los Angeles, trained him for the job and says scores of his school-mates are buying all the stamps they can just to see Nick perform. "He's sold several hundred dollars worth," says Charley.

GOVERNOR GIVES RIDE

A limousine stopped at Center-view to pick up Private Dennis Coyle, hitch-hiking back to Camp Meade after a furlough. "Hop in," said the gentleman in the rear seat. Coyle did—and rode as far as Harrisburg with Governor Arthur H. James.

SOME PUSH

Answering an advertisement announcing 500 pairs of stockings for sale, 300 women pushed into a store at Vancouver so strenuously that a plate glass window was crushed. None of the women was injured and the stockings were sold in less than a half hour.

92 YEARS ON LIQUIDS

Although Mrs. Charlotte McKay, of Plainview, Neb., has lived on liquid foods since she was 3 years old, she is in excellent health at the age of 95. Mrs. McKay's throat was burned in an accident when she was a lot of three years.

NO WONDER

Complaining of a severe earache for several days, Donnie Cook, Jr., 7, was taken to the doctor by his parents. The doctor removed a sprouting oat kernel from the boy's ear.

Army Deserter Held In Crash

Homicide Charge Filed in Case Involving Death of Year-Old Child

An open charge of homicide has been filed against Charles Brigham, pending the outcome of a coroner's inquest, according to State police of the Clearfield barracks. Brigham, an army deserter, is being held as a result of the death of the 1 year old daughter of Frank Libratori, of Woodland, in an automobile crash near West Decatur, Sunday morning of last week.

Brigham has been removed to the Clearfield hospital from the Philadelphia hospital, where he is suffering from a fractured jaw received in the accident. Police are keeping a constant guard over the man to prevent further recurrence of the escapes he has to date executed on several occasions.

What has become of the prophet who said Japan would never attack the United States?

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Bellefonte Academy Has Long, Honorable Career In Educational Annals

Many Prominent Men Received Their Scholastic Training at This School; Won Distinction in Sports and Athletics

Much has been written and much has been said regarding the Bellefonte Academy and its long and honorable career as one of the State's foremost educational institutions.

Because the Academy property, since 1929 used as the home of the Bellefonte High School, will enter a new and uncertain phase of existence after July 31 when the local high school moves into the new \$500,000 building at the corner of

support of an Academy or public school in the county. By an act incorporating the "Bellefonte Academy," approved January 8, 1865, the site designated for educational purposes and occupied by the Academy was transferred to the control of its board of trustees, composed of 24 representative men of the county.

On January 9, 1866, a sum of \$2,000 was granted to the Academy out of the State Treasury for the erection of the middle section of the old school building, which was Bellefonte's "Seat of Learning" until 1868 when the present site was chosen and a new and more modern building erected. Ex-Governor Daniel Hastings was the principal of the school at that time.

It was in the year 1868 that the Rev. James P. Hughes was called to establish a school designed to prepare the boys and girls of Bellefonte and vicinity for entrance into college. From that time on the Academy developed rapidly into one of the best preparatory schools to be found anywhere.

Improvements and additions to the main building were made from year to year and in 1913 the then headmaster James R. Hughes, son of the Rev. James P. Hughes, purchased the school buildings and the two Beezer properties along South Spring street, tripled the size of the main building and prepared for a large increase in the school attendance. An ample and competent corps of teachers was assembled to give instruction to a steadily increasing student-body. Bellefonte and vicinity profited directly by the thoroughness that characterized the Academy.

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The Bellefonte Academy will never be dead as long as its former headmaster James R. Hughes (above) is in town, for "Mr. James" has never ceased to believe that someday, somehow, the famed old school will be granted a new lease on life. If wishing and working toward an aim is a guarantee of success, his efforts most certainly will produce results.

Allegany and Linn streets, we feel that it is timely to review the history of the Academy.

Our search for material for a fresh view on Academy history was ready-made, for at the recent third annual reunion of the Bellefonte Academy Alumni Association, Prof. James R. Hughes, former headmaster of the school, revealed for us



The Academy bell, pictured above, was reduced to a mass of molten metal when the main building was destroyed by fire in 1904. For many years the bell, mounted in a cupola atop the building, had summoned students to classes and had been used in giving other signals at the school. After the fire headmaster Hughes sent the metal from the bell to a smelter where it was converted into 300 miniature replicas of the original bell. These miniatures were distributed among students and teachers as souvenirs.

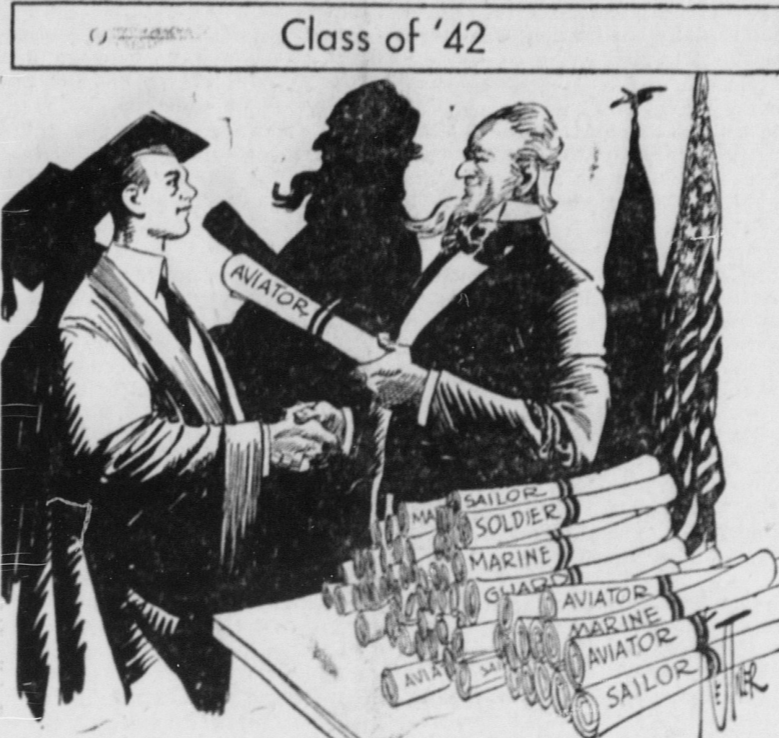
First time many new and hitherto unpublished facts. With his remarks at the banquet as a beginning, we prevailed upon "Mr. James" to search through the records of the school, and through the recesses of his phenomenal memory, for additional facts.

The Bellefonte Academy had its birth in 1860 when James Dunlop and James Harris, ancestors of the McCoy's and Shugert's of Bellefonte, granted to Centre county when the county was organized "certain lots and lands in and adjoining the town of Bellefonte."

A portion of the proceeds from the lands was to be used for the



Here is the main building of the historic old Academy as it appears today, atop a cliff overlooking the Big Spring and the Gamble Island. The rolling campus in the foreground provides an attractive setting for the snow-white building.



COLLEGE TO TEACH DANCING

Convinced that relatively few school teachers or community leaders are equipped to serve as instructors in either square dancing or modern social dancing, the School of Physical Education at the Pennsylvania State College will hold a Dance Symposium from June 22 to June 26.

Emphasis during the symposium will be placed on early American square dancing, rapidly growing popular in this community. Students attending the regular summer session as well as school teachers and others enrolled in the college summer sessions are expected to take the dance instruction.

Albert E. Haynes, of Sudbury, Mass., who will conduct similar classes at Harvard this summer, will serve as instructor in the five-day symposium.

College officials in charge of the

course believe that at present there is a particular need for dance instructors in USO programs and throughout industrial communities where war production is concentrated.

Leaders in such areas will have an opportunity this month to learn many of the old-fashioned country dances and will be equipped to conduct recreation programs throughout the state and country. They will not only learn the fundamental steps of square dancing, but also will get instruction in group management of square dances and musical mixers, calling square dances, and will learn folk songs and tunes.

In instruction in modern social dancing will include basic steps and patterns for beginners, teaching procedures for school and community classes, and advanced or present-day steps and patterns.

290 Planes Take Part In Civil Air Patrol Meeting At Moshannon Airport

Organization's First General Mobilization Drew 627 Flyers and Record Crowd of Spectators to Centre County Resort

Pennsylvania's civilian pilots, dropping medicine by parachute along with dummies, and arching out "lost" ships, demonstrated Saturday how well they have learned the chores the army expects them to carry out to relieve uniformed men for combat duty.

The organization's first general mobilization drew 627 flyers in 290 planes to the Black Moshannon Airport on Memorial Day.

There was but one mishap in the maneuvers. Pilot R. C. Picking of York and his wife, riding with him, escaped injury when their ship nosed over and shattered its propeller.

The following is taken from the Phillipsburg Daily Journal concerning the day's proceedings:

Excellent weather favored the event and motor police estimated the crowd and stated that there were about 1500 cars parked on the airport. In the early part of the afternoon, police refused to allow more cars to enter the port, stating that it was crowded then. Nearby Black Moshannon State Park was reported packed during the day. It was said that the park had one of the biggest crowds in its history.

Traffic was so crowded at times on the Black Moshannon road that it took from an hour and a half to two hours to travel between town and the airport. There were reports of minor accidents on the road and police made several arrests. A number of smaller planes ran out of gas both coming here and enroute home on Saturday because of the strong headwinds. Planes in the eastern defense zone were ordered to leave early in the afternoon so as

to be on their home ports not later than 4 o'clock. The orders came from the army interceptor command.

In spite of the swarms of planes landing and taking off during the entire day, there were no serious accidents. The day's four chief thrillers was a plane ground looping when landed, another scraping a wing as it toppled sideways, and the two main ones—two planes rushing head-on on a runway and a plane nosing over.

Among officials present were Jack Quinn, state operations officer; Robert E. Zook, aeronautical inspector, (Continued on Page Three)

Car Inspector Killed In Yards

Isaac A. Corby, 59, Run Over By Locomotive in Juniata Yards

Isaac A. Corby, father of Mrs. Alice G. Cooper, of Millheim, was instantly killed last Wednesday afternoon while at work as car inspector in the Juniata yards near Altoona.

It was said that Mr. Corby was working along the track in the course of duty when in some unknown manner he stepped into the path of a backing engine which knocked him beneath the wheels and ran over him. Fellow workmen said he was soon to have been eligible for retirement.

Mr. Corby was a native of Maryland. Members of his family include his wife, Lulu Winifred (Miller) Corby; one son, Capt. Roy A. Corby, with the U. S. Army located at Cincinnati; and three daughters, Mrs. Alice G. Cooper, Millheim; Mrs. Inez E. Hess, Altoona; and Mrs. Frances C. Shaffer, Wehrwood. His mother and several brothers and sisters also survive.

Mr. Corby was a member of the First Methodist Church, Juniata, for 37 years. He served in the Sunday school 25 years as general superintendent and was also president of the trustee board.

Held in Death of Houtzdale Woman

George Cleveland, Negro, Held in Connection With "Towel Slaying"

A single finger print caused George W. Cleveland, 26, negro, to be held for the grand jury at Pittsburgh last week on a charge of murder in connection with the mysterious "towel death" of Mrs. Neil McDermott Yavorsky, 46, a former Houtzdale woman, last March 14.

A coroner's jury ruled that the woman apparently was murdered, and that testimony identified the single fingerprint found near the scene as that of Cleveland. Homicide detectives disagreed with the jury's findings, contending the woman's death resulted from natural causes.

She was found dead with a towel stuffed in her throat.

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Brig.-Gen. James H. Doolittle

When Brigadier General James H. Doolittle and his 79 American

RECALLS OLD LUMBERING DAYS

Seated by a glowing stove, in unseasonable May weather, in a log-cabin of the vintage of 1804, but still sturdy and strong, John Baasinger, Clinton county reformed woodsman, told of old days in the Black Forest, when lumber was king. "My first job," he said, "was with the C. P. L. Co., near the popular resort, Easting, near Sullivan county, then surrounded by primeval forests. It is not saved, as it would have been a sight to go there, if only to see these giant trees, now the state is cutting new growth thus adding to flood danger, more than the few dollars return. My work was handling the jack-slip, but I don't suppose many today know what such a thing was, or what a help it gave in unloading logs, and getting them started down the slide which was kept greased with what

was called red-oil. I do not know if Bruce A. Hunt, located one of these 'slips' for the lumbering business started by the late Col. Thomas W. Lloyd, in the Lyeomring Historical society building, Williamsport, but perhaps I might help him find a slip, if one should be required.

"Later, some of the biggest timber I helped cut was just across the hill from Altoona, near Cresson, a bit of the primeval hemlock and cedar, left behind by Admiral Peary's father, who only handled white pine in his sawmill operations. But the trees on that tract, gave one an idea of the forest monarchs that covered the Allegheny watershed in the days when the glacier of the North Pole, so well written by Miss Mercedes Buck, was a boy. I also cut some big stuff in Hecla Gap, Centre county, not far

from historic Hubersburg, where many legends of old Peter Hauntz, the puppeteer and ventriloquist still persisted."

"Speaking of Peter Hauntz, W. Howard Wolfe, also a retired lumberman, born in 1857, said: 'As I have often remarked Peter Hauntz, alias C. E. Sharp, was one of the most distinguished looking men I ever saw. Tall like descriptions of Abraham Lincoln, with a superb black beard longer than Father Abraham generally wore it, the old puppeteer and master of 'lung music' would attract attention in any company. Sometimes when he was living at Mill Hill, I used to meet him at Berry's plough works, back of where the bank now stands, or at the Gipsy camp, or where the Indians would rest for a while, while passing along Bald Eagle Valley.

"Prof. Sharp liked to talk with all kinds of people, to get new ideas; for his shows, he would say. Speaking of ploughs, Brungart, of Brush Valley wasn't the only local plough-maker. Berry also had one, and a great favorite with Central Pennsylvania farmers. Berry's was a horse power furnace, worked with a team of horses. In those days the Berry sales-man drove through the county with a two-horse team, peddling the ploughs, or taking orders for special sizes. There were ploughing matches conducted at the Clinton county fair, or by some farmers' organizations, possibly the Grange, on Great Island near Lock Haven, an island a mile long and half a mile wide, with the richest soil, and not a stone on it, except those haunts

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Youth Saved From Drowning

Revived After Being Pulled From River at Lock Haven

Prompt use of artificial respiration revived Frank Lachat, 17, after he was pulled out of the river at Lock Haven, on the Lockport side, Monday afternoon. He had been in the water about five minutes. The boy tumbled into the river, apparently in a dive from the Lockport end of the dam after he and a companion had waded across the river on the crest of the dam.

Rocco Caprio and Bill D'Ercole, who were sitting on the Lockport bank, pulled Lachat out of the river before he had been under water more than five minutes. He had gone under the surface east of the dam and was lying on the bed of the stream, the current having turned him over as he came down.

Howard T. Reynolds, who was in the office of Roy L. Schuyler at Lockport, when the alarm was raised that a boy had fallen into the river, applied artificial respiration for a quarter of an hour until the boy began to revive. Mr. Reynolds was assisted by his wife. After receiving medical attention the boy was immediately taken to his home, wrapped in blankets, where he is reported to be recovering.

Scotland Yard Has "Perfect Crime"

England's super-sleuths knew that someone had administered several fatal doses of poison—but they couldn't find who or how or why. Don't miss this revealing article in the June 14th issue of The American Weekly, the big magazine distributed with the Baltimore Sunday American. On sale at all newsstands.

Phone Worker Hurt

Miss Claire Bachinger, 19, employed by the Bell Telephone Company at Bloomsburg, suffered a concussion of the brain, and facial and leg injuries when she fell down a portion of a flight of stairs between the first and second floors of the telephone building there. She is a patient at Bloomsburg Hospital.

Commencement oratory is one of the evils that has not been eliminated by the necessities of warfare.

Robert Moore, 60, Dies In Crash

Native of Bald Eagle Fatally Injured When Automobile Skids

Robert Moore, 60, operator of a gasoline station at Logan avenue and Plank Road, Altoona, died at the Mercy Hospital Monday afternoon, one hour after his automobile skidded on the road near Duncansville and crashed into a telephone pole.

Bert R. McCauley of Hollidaysburg, R. D., a passing motorist, saw the mishap and stopping his car succeeded in getting Moore from the wreckage and to the hospital. There were no witnesses to the accident.

Robert R. Moore was born in Bald Eagle February 8, 1882, a son of David and Ellen (Poole) Moore, and is survived by his wife, Mrs. Nanette (Askey) Moore, one daughter, Mrs. Rebecca Wilson, of Phillipsburg, and the following sons: Theodore and Maurice, at home; Russell, Norwich, Conn.; William, of Greenwood, and Frederick, in the army at Fort Knox, Ky.

The following brothers survive: Orin, Altoona; Hiram and Harris, Phillipsburg; Maurice and Forest, McKeesport; Edward, Cleveland, O.; and Harry, Williamsport; one sister, Mrs. Mae Erich, of Phillipsburg.

Reported Missing

Pfc. John B. Rocco, U. S. Coast Guard, at Fort Mills, Manila Bay, in the Philippines, has been reported missing in a letter written his father, Constantino Rocco, Lock Haven, by the War Department.

Child Lost Two Days In Forest

Found Crying But Unhurt Two Miles From His Farm Home

A two-day search for little Alvin Diggan in a Lyeomring county forest, during which bloodhounds from the Rockview prison took part, ended Monday when the child was found crying and bewildered two miles from his home.

The boy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Trevor Diggan, had been missing two days. The Diggan farm is on the Lyeomring-Northumberland counties line. Alvin was found not far from the Susquehanna river where hills rise like cliffs from the shore. Sunday volunteers were lowered over the precipice by ropes, fearing the boy might have fallen over the edge.

Bloodhounds from Rockview were brought on the scene Sunday. Over-seeing the boy wore and his sand pad found in the wild strawberry patch from where he disappeared while his parents worked, were given to the dogs for a scent.

Mrs. June Reed, of Montgomery, and two boys, Paul Miller of Watertown, and Nyle Rupert of Montgomery, came across the boy, sitting in a pine grove, sobbing. They hunched him up and took him to the nearby Muncy hospital.

The briar patches and thick underbrush through which the blond-haired boy wandered had ripped off all his clothing. Scratches covered his arms and legs but he was otherwise uninjured.

Read the Classified ads.

Beech Creek Graduates Twelve

Exercises Held Last Thursday in Beech Creek Methodist Church

Commencement exercises for the Beech Creek High School were conducted Thursday night, May 28, at the Beech Creek Methodist church and diplomas were awarded 12 students by H. A. Robb, principal.

Participating in the program based on the virtues of Democracy, were five pupils, Clair Glock, Bernadine DiNicola, Rosa Bitner, Robert Kitchen and Dorothy Hevner.

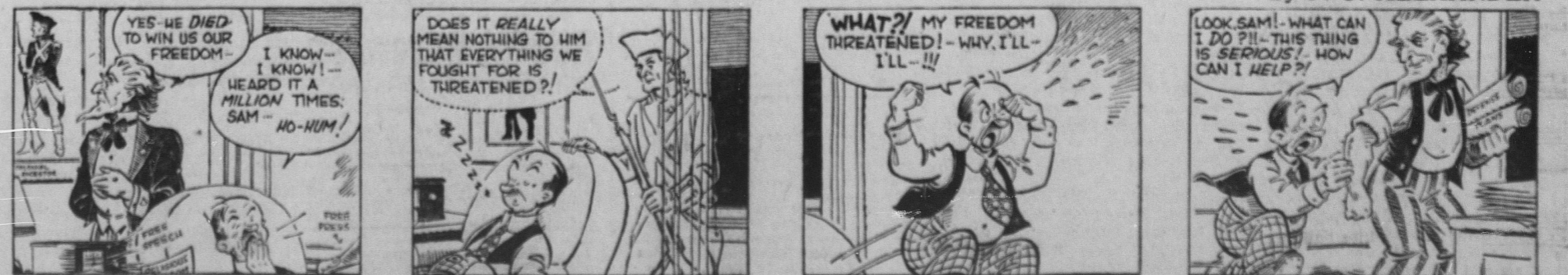
Orations given were: Joe Clark, "The Job Ahead;" Isabel Shilling, "Grumbling Soldier;" and Richard Dickey, "American Creed." Mrs. Jean H. Anderson, Lock Haven, directed the girls' chorus in several selections, music was furnished by an orchestra of students and N. L. Bartges, county superintendent of schools distributed 20 eighth-grade diplomas and four certificates. The Rev. John S. Lonsinger, Presbyterian pastor, offered the invocation and benediction.

Other members of the graduating class were Betty Lindsay, Bertha Ling, who gave the farewell, Gerald Holter, Junior Wagner, Clair Miller, Edward Scantlin, Bernadine Miller.

Appointed to Board Governor James has appointed the Rev. Charles W. MacLay, Phillipsburg, a member of the Centre County Board of Assistance to fill a vacancy.

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