

Odd and Curious in the NEWS

RECORD-BREAKING

A 16-year-old high school graduate of Clarion, has just set a new record for this country, at least.

DOWN THE HATCH!

Two Naval officers Friday were disgusted with rationing, especially that of coffee.

GIVES RUBBER FLOOR

Milton S. Hershey, founder of the great Hershey Chocolate plant, Saturday, ordered the rubber flooring of his kitchen ripped up and given to the salvage campaign as his personal contribution.

BOMB PROOF

Maybe it sounds a bit odd, but if bombs ever fall on Philadelphia, the 1261 prisoners in the Eastern Penitentiary will be by far the most fortunate.

MAN RIDES HOBBY

Threats of gasoline rationing don't scare W. H. Deitchman of Kansas City. He drove 600 miles last week without using a drop of gas.

KEPT ON LAYING

Nine days after the German Luftwaffe bombed the famed English cathedral town of Canterbury, some workers clearing debris found a hen hidden in a cavity under a pile of masonry.

SNOWBALL BATTLE

Believe it or not, they were throwing snowballs in Lancaster county on the Fourth of July—yes indeed. The snowballs were used in a battle between two troops of Boy Scouts as part of Litz's Community Independence Day celebration on Saturday.

NEEDED GAS

A woman asked the rationing board at Chicopee, Mass., for extra gasoline for her "special limousine." She said she needed it to make a living. She got it. The woman was Mrs. Dorothy Blackhall a carnival performer. She weighs 600 pounds.

VICTORY MOUSERS

Each kitten in a litter of five born to a cat owned by Mrs. James Carmichael, of Athens, Ohio, had a white "V" on its forehead.

Unconcern In U. S. Amazes Officers

Back from the fighting zones in the Western Pacific Army and Navy officers last week expressed amazement at the complacency of the folks at home. None would be quoted, but one said: "We are alarmed at the attitude of the people we have seen on the way home. This is a bloody war and the people at home don't seem to know it. The newspapers talk about peace, what are we going to do with it. Hell, we haven't begun to win the war yet, and we are talking about how we will set down peace terms!"

'Apple Tree' Too Much for Band

The Army Reception Center Band of forty pieces was going to town on "Don't Sit Under the Apple Tree with Anyone Else But Me," midway through its concert Friday night in front of the Citizens Home Company, New Cumberland. Suddenly there was the crash of timbers as the improvised platform, four feet above the street, gave way. Hundreds of spectators seemed more surprised than the musicians who continued to play as the platform sank.

Tire Thief Was Obliging

When Dr. Charles W. Straub of Middleburg, went to a garage to have his tires changed to save wear, he found that a perfectly new tire had been removed from the trunk of his car, and a nearly wornout tire left in its place. Obliging, the robber had placed the old tire on the wheel, with an old innertube inflated, all ready for use.

Lightning Sets Fire To East Nittany Valley Barn Resulting In \$10,000 Loss

Pigs, Three Horses, Three Calves, Farm Crops, and Implements Burned In One of Most Destructive Farm Fires in Years

The severe electrical storm which swept over lower Nittany Valley late Friday night is thought to be responsible for the fire which early Saturday morning destroyed the barn, farm crops, stock and implements on the R. Piske Shearer farm, at the eastern end of the valley, tenanted by Edward Fleisher.

Amputate Legs of Aged Woman

Victim Found Alone in Shanty With Gangrenous Infection

Mrs. Ida Ruple, 81, admitted to the Renovo Hospital Sunday, June 28, after being discovered in a shanty in the mountains near Two Mile Run with a gangrenous infection in both feet, underwent an operation at the Lock Haven Hospital last Wednesday for the amputation of both legs below the knees.

Investigation by Sheriff D. Edward Grenoble of Lock Haven and State Policeman J. A. Sacriste, Williamsport, led Clinton county authorities to believe that the elderly blind woman had not been mistreated by her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Myers, with whom she lived, as was first supposed.

Sheriff Grenoble learned from Dr. R. A. Werts that he had examined the woman about ten days prior to the report of her case in Renovo. He reported that he told Myers that the woman should be brought back to Renovo for treatment at a later date.

Unable to withstand the shock of the operation, Mrs. Ruple died on Saturday at the Renovo Hospital. She was born in Machias, N. Y., and had lived in Beech Creek for 45 years before moving to Westport. Her death occurred on the day after the 50th anniversary of her marriage to the late George B. Ruple, who died a number of years ago. Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Florence Myers, of Westport; a grandson, James Reynolds, Flemington; a brother, Ralph Lingenfelter, and two sisters, all of New York State.

Interment was made in the Hayes-Pearson cemetery, on Tuesday.

Active Octogenarian Despite the fact that she passed her 80th birthday anniversary in March, Mrs. Della Ely, of Middleburg, last week accompanied a party of berry pickers to Shade Mountain, climbed over the uneven terrain in search of fruit and returned with four quarts of huckleberries which she had gathered.

New Guernsey Record A new record, exceeding the average of the Guernsey breed for her age and class has just been completed by a five-year-old cow, Masterful's June of Hillside 45563, of State College, tested and owned by The Pennsylvania State College and announced by The American Guernsey Cattle Club in 1291.8 pounds of milk and 587.6 pounds of butter fat in class AA.

Publicity hounds rarely do anything except advertise themselves and the only reason they do this is because they hunt free publicity.

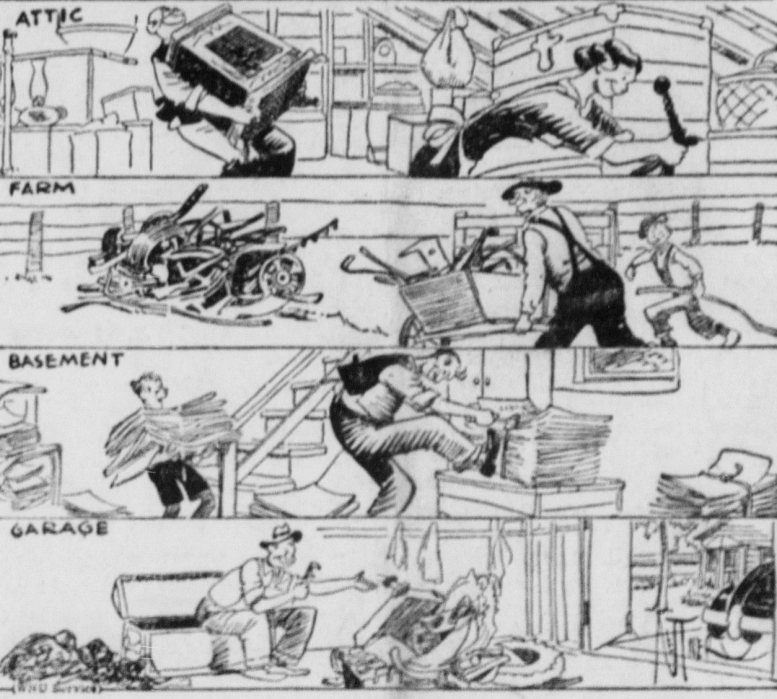
Damage to the car was estimated at \$250, while the motorcycle was only slightly damaged.

Injuries Fatal to Driver Lawrence M. Lechner, Jr., 19, of St. Marys, driver of an automobile which crashed into two trees, died in the St. Marys Hospital from a fractured skull and brain injury. Two companions were slightly injured, as Lechner's car failed to negotiate a curve, left the highway, knocked over the two trees and came to stop in a yard.

Injured On Farm When a team of horses drawing a wagon bolted as William Hummel, of Sunbury, was about to descend to the ground, several ribs on the right side of his chest were broken, and he suffered possible internal injuries. The accident happened at his farm along the road leading from Middleburg to New Berlin.

New Ways to Economize In the Kitchen Helpful suggestions to increase household efficiency and hold down expenses during these war days, read the advice of Mrs. Christine Frederick, noted home economist, in the July 19th issue of The American Weekly, the big magazine distributed abroad by Baltimore's Sunday American. On sale at all newsstands.

National Treasure Hunt for Salvage



WHEN DRIVING IN BLACKOUT

What should you do if it becomes necessary to drive your car in a blackout? Three basic rules were suggested today by Amos E. Neyhart, administrative head of the Institute of Public Safety at the Pennsylvania State College. They are: 1. When in doubt about what is ahead, get out of the car and investigate. 2. Never drive faster than 15 miles per hour through a residential section, and even less, while driving through an intersection. 3. Before starting to drive, wait from 10 to 25 minutes until your eyes become adjusted to the darkness.

A TALE OF WOODWARD NARROWS

The bear stories may be a little out of season, but the following from Col. H. W. Shoemaker's daily newspaper column will be appreciated by old hunters in this section. It was written by Mahlon G. Robb, of Huntington, who speaks of the laurite by an old-time bear hunter of Centre county. "Reading John Bassinger's interesting views on wolves, panthers and bears, brings to mind an old bear hunter who lives in the lower end of Centre county, at Motz Bar, now called Woodward, Billy Haines. In 1912 Bill claimed to have 22 bears to his credit, and he has added to the account since that time. He, of course, started hunting 'bears' before they were put on the protected list, and in those days they were fair game at any time of the year to be trapped or killed in any way.

Youth Killed In Cycle-Auto Crash

Schrock W. Hann, 20, of near Roaring Spring, died at the Everett hospital Sunday morning from injuries received when the motorcycle he was driving accompanied by Clair Showalter, of Roaring Spring, R. D., crashed, sideswiping into an automobile at Yellow Creek, about eight miles outside of Everett, July 4.

Former Tyrone Missionary Free

Miss Louise Reilly, former well known Tyrone young woman, and who has served for five years as an Episcopal missionary in China, has been released by the Japanese after being seized by the Japanese at Hangchow, China, several months ago, and is now en route home.

Prize Awarding Ends Osceola 4th

The awarding of the \$500 grand prizes on Saturday evening concluded the most successful Osceola Mills Firemen's celebration ever held, according to committee member, Burgess John Redding.

Open Western Union Telegraph Service To Army Men Overseas

Local people began sending the new "EFM" (Expeditionary Force Messages) to members of the United States Armed Forces stationed in many foreign countries, it was announced by L. A. Shew, superintendent of the Western Union Telegraph Company. Special "EFM" blanks, listing the 103 fixed-text phrases provided for the service, have been received at the local Western Union office where the outbound service was started recently. Members of the armed forces abroad began sending "EFM" messages to their homes on May 29, when inbound service was inaugurated. In the "EFM" cablegram, a contribution by the communications industry to the nation's morale, the sender may incorporate in one message, costing sixty cents, as many as three of the fixed-text phrases. These phrases relate to correspondence, greetings, health, promotion, money, congratulations and other subjects.

Escaped Rockview Prisoner Makes Friends With Wild Fowl During Long Hideout

Fugitive Claims He Was Able to "Tame Wild Turkey Hen and Her Eleven Poults;" Smoked 800 Cigarettes in 17 Days

(Written by Ray Sprigle, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette staff writer, and appearing in a recent issue of that newspaper.) Here is a story about an escaped convict that is different. Here is a story about an escaped convict from the big prison farm at Rockview in Centre County, Joseph Selmeck, doing 5 to 10 years for burglary, held out in the laurel with a wild turkey hen and her eleven poults.

Selmeck hid out in the blossoming laurel on a mountain ridge while he waited for the hunt for him to die out. Deer came down to drink at the little stream near his refuge, but he was unable to get close to them. But when the mother turkey appeared with her brood it was only a day or two until Selmeck had larded them with a share of his own provisions. He might have been living with the turkeys and the deer yet, but he ran out of cigarettes. He smoked 800 of them in his 17-day hideout, and only left the mountain when his craving for more smokes drove him out.

Selmeck planned his escape carefully. He was employed in the dairy at the prison farm and for a couple of weeks hid food in the barn—loaves of bread, cheese and meat.

Illness Is Fatal To C. E. Krape

Charles E. Krape of Williamsport, a teller in the West Branch Bank and Trust Company for 50 years, died in the Williamsport Hospital Friday morning, following a three months' illness. He was admitted to the hospital about three months previously.

West Branch Bank Teller Was Native of Salona, Clinton County

Mr. Krape was born at Salona, Clinton county, and went to Williamsport in early manhood. He was 72 years of age.

RED CROSS NURSE SUBMITS JUNE REPORT

At a meeting of the Nursing Activities Committee of the Bellefonte Chapter of the American Red Cross, held last Thursday afternoon at the nursing headquarters in Petrikin Hall, Miss Rimmer, Red Cross nurse, submitted her report for the month of June.

Sawmill Worker Struck by Saw

Lawrence Butler, of Howard, suffered painful injuries about the abdomen last week while he was at work at the Clair Lyons sawmill at Howard.

Butler, operating a cut-off saw, pulled the revolving blade too far and it struck him on the abdomen, cutting through his clothing and inflicting a wound several inches long. The man was taken to the offices of a Howard physician where the injury was given proper attention.

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Changes Plea

Maynard Swisher, 30, Bloomsburg, charged with abandoning his 2-year-old daughter, Patricia, in River Park, Harrisburg, June 19, withdrew a guilty plea in Dauphin county court Monday, and the case was continued to September. It is not known whether a plea will be offered later or whether the case will go to trial.

The drive for scrap rubber may be over but you can help meet the needs of the Army by turning in scrap rubber today. As an advertising medium we suggest The Centre Democrat for cheapest coverage of this trading area. Nothing amazes us so much as to discover somebody who apparently thinks that we know something.

Excellent weather with the exception of the dinner time rain on the Fourth, brought out the largest total crowd ever estimated at the nineteen year old annual celebration.



This is the third of a series of cartoons, one a week, sponsored for publication in the Centre Democrat by the Bellefonte Lodge of Elks.