

Odd and CURIOUS in the NEWS

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Random Items

BLACKOUT BLUES The office of the Bellwood defense police is telling an amusing incident that occurred during the blackout. While patrolling his beat during the Wednesday blackout, officer Wm. Hauth had the unusual experience of arresting himself. Officer Hauth saw a figure approaching and called on him to halt. As Hauth moved forward, the stranger moved toward Hauth. Officer Hauth stopped and the stranger stopped. Hauth yelled at the top of his voice, "You're under arrest." The stranger did not reply. Officer Hauth called two other officers to his aid. The stranger was found to be a reflection of Officer Hauth in a large plate glass window. This is the first record in the annals of police history of an officer arresting himself, said Bellwood police officials.

SIAMESE TWINS BORN Siamese twins, born at a hospital in Dubuque, Ia., Mrs. Floyd Sabers, 26-year-old farm woman living near New Vienna, were said by the mother's physician to "have a good chance to live." The girl babies were joined at the base of the spine. Normal in every respect, they weighed a total of nine pounds, 10 ounces.

WRECKLESS DRIVING Judge E. C. Gober, of Albuquerque, N. M., heard officers testify about the driver's speed, and fined the man \$100 for driving while intoxicated. Nobody declared the judge, could be sober and drive at that speed—a consistent three miles per hour.

JUSTICE DRIVES BUGGY State Supreme Court Justice Marion D. Patterson, of Blair County attracted much attention and applause when he drove a grey mare and a red hackboard wagon through the Altoona area Friday. Justice Patterson said he was "saving rubber."

ALMOST UNBELIEVABLE The gasoline rationing order will not affect Guy Johnson of Wilson, N. C., much. He informed local ration board officials that since buying his 1929 car he had driven it only 592 miles in the 13 years.

DOUBLE TROUBLE Thieves at Trenton, N. J., stole three tires, two wheels and the battery from Francis Murphy's car and drained the gasoline tank dry. He also found a police summons for overtime pay, a 99-year-old Spanish-American War veteran of Columbus, O., voluntarily gave up his old-age pension as his contribution to the war effort. He explained that current business conditions enabled him to become self-supporting.

CHLOROFORMS CHICKENS A thief entered the chicken house of G. C. Jeter at Terret, Tex., and sacked forty of his best fryers after chloroforming the birds.

IT'S MAJOR MAJOR It was bad enough to get used to calling him "Captain Major." Now the double talk is more confusing because Capt. Bernard P. Major of Camp Livingston, La., has been promoted to Major.

FRISKY SQUIRREL One little squirrel ran amok at Pine Bluff, Ark., and, before being caught and killed, it ran up a man's trouser leg and scratched him, then it bit another man's ear and another's finger and, before being captured, scratched seven other persons. The victims are taking treatment against hydrophobia.

Went Acourting, Started Something Arthur Evans, a youthful Cambria county aviator, started something last week when he decided to inject a novel scheme into his romance with a Hastings young lady. The incident would have been all right had not the plan backfired and given the entire community a bad case of the jitters.

Bitten by Snake 3,000 Feet in Air Snake-bitten 3,000 feet in the air, U. S. Army Lieut. Robert Vaught, 24, of Johnson City, Tenn., a flyer located at Melbourne, Australia, gave his report on the perilous adventure recently aloft and aground. While flying 75 miles from his base, Vaught noticed a peculiarly-marked snake near his left foot. He put the plane into a slip to try to slide the snake into a corner, but when he touched the rudder bar the snake struck him twice. Vaught then seized the snake and threw it out. Almost immediately he began to feel so ill that he made a forced landing in a dry swamp. After fainting several times he dragged himself to a water hole, where he put

Huntingdon Reformatory Inmate Near Death From Knife Attack by Comrades

Victim Pounced Upon by Four Other Inmates and Stabbed with Table Knives Filed and Sharpened to a Point

One inmate of the Pennsylvania industrial school at Huntingdon was reported in a critical condition from stab wounds yesterday, and four others were placed in solitary confinement charged with attacking him. Commander John D. Pennington, superintendent of the school which is being transformed into an institution for defective delinquents, declared that Louis Huber, 27, of Erie, suffered 17 stab wounds from knives that had been filed to a sharp point. The attack occurred Saturday afternoon in the large recreation room. At the same time, Pennington disclosed that a sixth inmate, Ralph Scott, 22, of Waynesburg, escaped Sunday while working on the school farm.

Stabbed By Four "According to pre-arranged plans, Clyde struck Huber on the head with a brick, knocking him down," Pennington said. "All four inmates then stabbed Huber with table knives, which had been filed and sharpened to a point."

Found Dead In Gas-Filled Room Native of Centre County Dies By Aphixation at Jersey Shore

J. Clair Yothers, 23, Centre county native, was found dead Tuesday, July 21, about 5 p. m. in his gas-filled room at his home in Jersey Shore, where it is said the gas stove had been turned on since Monday night. Discovery of the body was made by an employe of the gas company, who forced the door.

Survivors include his wife, the former Mabel Connors, of Waterville; a daughter, Clarice; his mother, Mrs. Margaret Calkins, of Morris; two sisters, Mrs. Ruby Pringle, Lock Haven, and Mrs. Mabel Mack, Lancaster, N. Y.; four brothers, Myron Yothers, Youngdale; John, of Corning, N. Y.; Robert, Waterville, and Harry, Jersey Shore.

Funeral services were held Friday morning with the Rev. J. Frank Stamm, pastor of the First Methodist church, officiating. Burial was made in the Jersey Shore cemetery.

CAPTAIN JACK WESKE ORDERED TO WASHINGTON Captain Jack Weske, who has been connected with the ROTC department at Penn State college since 1929, has been ordered to Washington and will leave August 1.

Mrs. Weske and her two daughters will leave with Captain Weske. Captain Weske joined the Army as a private at Fort Sheridan, Ill., and rose to captain's rank during his stay in State College. He has been active in the American Legion and Auxiliary Junior Drum and Bugle Corps, the Elks, and assisted in junior high school football and basketball coaching. He helped organize safety patrols and the Pershing Rifles at the College.

Dead Man Indicted Melvin H. Allison of Homer's Gap, Blair county, declared last week that the Paul M. Hillson indicted by a federal grand jury in Williamsport Wednesday was his 31-year-old son who drowned near Williamsport in the summer of 1941. The father said he had notified Selective Service Board officials of the son's drowning in a quarry hole and was unable to explain why the charges, alleging a draft violation, were filed.

Replied to a plea for leniency on the grounds of being the defendant's first offense, Judge Henry Hipple pointed out that owing to the seriousness of the charges Perry could not be placed on probation.

Charged with two counts each of forgery and burglary, he was given a three to seven year sentence on each. He also was ordered to pay the costs. He had admitted cashing a check for \$32.10, drawn by Robert Angstadt of Dunnsport to the Rosetto Barry Co., which Perry changed to read Rowland Barry before cashing. Another check for \$60, payable to Samuel Vello, Lock Haven, by the State, he also endorsed and cashed. Both were cashed at the Dickey-Grugar store in that city.

On several occasions Perry admitted entering the Lock Haven Bowling Club where he had been employed as a pin boy and taking quantities of ice cream, soft drinks, candy, cigarettes and other similar articles.

Charles M. Myers, Jr., 18, of Mill Hill, companion of Perry, on two occasions when the latter entered the bowling club, also pleaded guilty and sentence was suspended pending his admission to the U. S. Navy. He was charged with two counts of larceny. Henry M. Hipple, the young man's attorney, told the court it was the boy's first offense and that he had been under the influence of the older youth. If Myers is successful in getting into the Navy, the charges against him will be nolle prossed, the court promised.

Injured by Car Seven-year-old Leroy Seligert, of Covington, was admitted to the State Hospital at Blossburg, Saturday, after he was struck by an automobile on a street at Covington. He suffered cuts and a fracture of one leg.

There's a Rubber Shortage at Home, Too!



YOUNGEST MAJOR AT FT. BRAGG

Major William R. Swarm, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Swarm of Millheim, is the youngest major at Fort Bragg, N. C., according to a story in a recent issue of the Susquehanna University Alumni Quarterly. The story, in part, follows: "Captain William R. Swarm, '33, was promoted to the rank of Major on March 25, at which time he was serving as Battalion Commander of the 5th Training Regiment, U. S. Army Field Artillery Reserve Corps, Fort Bragg, N. C. Major Swarm (Bill) passed his thirtieth birthday only last January and at the time of his promotion was the youngest Artillery Officer of that rank at the Fort Bragg training center, which is the largest military camp in the United States at the present time.

Eye-Witness Reveals For First Time How 600 Japs Died in U. S. Raid on Tokyo

Writer's Story of Final Hours Before Pearl Harbor Declares War Lords of Japanese Army Delayed President's Peace Proposal

The story of how the United States Army bombers caught the Japanese napping in their raid on Tokyo April 18; the story of the withholding by Japanese army censors of President Roosevelt's last appeal to the Emperor for peace; and the story of the sinking by a United States submarine of a Japanese liner carrying 780 irreplaceable Japanese war technicians, is revealed for the first time by Robert T. Bellaire in a recent issue of the Baltimore American. The story of the bombing, the writer declares, was obtained from eye-witnesses who saw the raid from the concentration camp in which Americans and other foreigners were held. Tokyo had been undergoing a series of air-raid defense drills when the United States Army Air Corps bombers under Brig. General James Doolittle dropped in from the sea. Flying low over a capital that never heard the crash of a bomb, they concentrated their attack on the war industry center and killed an estimated 600 war workers.

At the time, there happened to be no defense drill and for the first time in its 2,600 years of history Tokyo rocked under the impact of bombs. Damage, including that from fires, was described as heavy. A single plane which flew over the Imperial Palace, in the heart of the city, drew fire from the anti-aircraft guns emplaced in the big grounds.

There were rumors that two high army officers, at least, committed hari-kari because the plane flew over the palace of the Emperor. Although the plane made no attempt to drop bombs, the mere fact that the plane flew over the palace, it was reported, caused an internal political crisis because the Emperor was endangered.

Members of the cabinet, led by Gen. Hideki Tojo, the war lord Premier, visited the village immediately after the Emperor emerged from his air-raid shelter, and apologized.

It was early in May, according to the reports the writer received, that a United States Navy submarine sank the liner Taiyo Maru, 14,457 tons. With the liner, there went to the bottom of the sea the entire personnel of a department of the great

Flood Maroons Family 7 Hours Lock Haven Group Caught by Rising Water in Middle of Highway

Mr. and Mrs. Ray E. Kuntz and daughter, Miss Beryl A. Kuntz, of Lock Haven, had a harrowing experience during the recent flood period while enroute to Buffalo, N. Y., to visit the former's son, George Kuntz and family. Accompanied by friends, Mr. and Mrs. Kuntz and daughter had reached a point on the other side of Eldred, near the New York state line, when the swiftly rising waters caught them in the middle of the highway. With water up to the seat level, they were pulled from their precarious position by an unidentified oil well driller who happened to have 200 feet of rope in his car. Throwing the rope to the stranded motorists from an unroofed section of the highway, he managed to tow the car out to safety.

But with water pouring over another section of the highway ahead, the group had nothing to do but sit and wait for the waters to go down, which is exactly what they did, while the rain poured in sheets. Because of the heavy rain, they were unable to have the windows open and in this predicament they stayed in the car from about 9 o'clock in the morning until 4 in the afternoon.

By that time the water had receded enough that they could turn around and get back to Eldred. There they were obliged to stay until Tuesday, when they made the return trip to Lock Haven.

HOLD "OPEN HOUSE" ON 60TH WEDDING DATE Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Kerstetter of Pleasant Gap, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary last Wednesday by holding open house at their home. More than 50 names were registered during the day.

Mr. Kerstetter is just past 80 years of age, while Mrs. Kerstetter is 77. The largest gift display of flowers was a huge basket of gladioli from the Pleasant Gap Garden Club of which Mrs. Kerstetter is a member. Assisting Mrs. S. E. Noll, daughter of the couple, in serving refreshments were Mrs. R. S. Melroy, Mrs. M. S. Shreffler, Mrs. Ted Harris, Miss Empden and Norma Kerstetter, and Mrs. Russell Spicher.

Takes Bees to Mountains Wanting clear sourwood honey, an aviator of Statesville, N. C., who lived where sourwoods didn't flourish, solved his problem by taking his bees and sixty hives up into the mountains, where the sourwood tree grows.

Neighbors Rejoiced John W. O'Neal, of Findlay, O., was inducted into the Army in May. His next-door neighbor for eleven years, Edward Paige, was inducted in June. They are next-door neighbors at Camp Crowder, Mo., their tents adjoining each other.

Request to Church A bequest of \$100 was made to the First Evangelical church at Milton, by Miss Mary B. Snyder, who died last week at the home of her brother. It was revealed when her will was filed for probate. Other bequests totaled \$400, to be divided between twenty-one nieces and nephews; and the residuary of the estate will go to her sister, Mrs. Susan Satterson, a brother, Jacob D. Snyder and two nephews, Edgar and George Miller.

Stung by Yellow Jackets George Ferster, of near Sunbury, was taken to the Mary M. Packer Hospital, suffering severely from stings of yellow jackets. After receiving treatment, he was much improved, returning home. The insects attacked him while he was about his duties on his farm.

COOPERHEADS AND CATTLE

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