

Odd and Curious in the NEWS

HOME, JAMES!

Arthur Helfrich, employe of the State Liquor store in Plymouth, home town of Governor James. Monday night sent a telegram inviting Gov. James to the Plymouth store Tuesday night at 6 o'clock for Helfrich said, "him to see if the clerical and accounting work we're required to do every night between 6 and 9 o'clock isn't worth \$150 a month." Helfrich said he had been attempting to reach Governor James, by telephone during the day but had not succeeded.

ALL FOR HIM

Seeing a crowd of about 2,000 people and police stretching nets below him, Joseph John Sirrelli, 32, left the roof on which he was working in New York City and went down to see what the excitement was about. He learned that someone, seeing him on the roof, concluded that he was intending to jump; had notified police. Sirrelli explained that he was only cleaning the gutters on the roof.

HENBANE'S NEST EGG

A brown-leaved mountain plant interested Georgia Campbell at Big Timber, Mont. He took it to a chemist who identified it as henbane, used as a drug. Campbell went back to the woods, gathered over 10,000 pounds. A pharmaceutical company took it all at \$1.25 a pound.

A WARNING BIBLE

Wayne Fellows, of Stockton, Mo., recently inducted into the Army, carried with him the year-old Bible that his grandfather carried through the Civil War and his uncle during World War I.

Firemen Receive State Refund Tax

Thirteen Communities in Centre County Receive Total of \$3,737.27

Auditor General F. Clair Ross last Thursday contributed to the observance of National Fire Prevention Week by approving the second of five requisitions which will bring payments totalling \$960,000 from the Fire Insurance Tax Fund to relief associations of fire companies—both paid and volunteer.

The following 13 communities in Centre county will benefit:

Table with 2 columns: Community Name and Amount. Includes Bellefonte Boro, Centre Hill Boro, Millheim Boro, etc.

Dies Before Induction

A man described as an admirer of Adolf Hitler died at Philadelphia, three days before his scheduled induction into the army, after swallowing seven vials of toothache remedy. Deputy Coroner Torchin identified the man as Henry Stowe, 40, and said his landlady, Mrs. Freda Giller, told him Stowe often praised Hitler for "the wonderful things he is doing in Europe."

For Victory: Buy Bonds

FARM QUESTION BOX

by ED W. MITCHELL, Farm Advisor, General Electric Station WGY. Q—When should currant bushes be pruned? A—During the winter when they are dormant. This will sound severe, but each bush should carry only 12 canes, three each of new cuttings of the present season, 1, 2 and 3-year-old wood. Once you get a bush into proper shape, pruning is simple; cut out the three oldest canes and all but three of the new ones.

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President Roosevelt Asks Nation for 18 and 19-Year Draft for Youthful Army

Allied Strength Shaking Enemy Morale He Says; Calls for Rationing of Manpower in Fireside Speech to Nation

President Roosevelt, asserting the Allied strength was "on the upgrade" and the enemy growing nervous, on Monday night in his fireside radio chat to the nation urged the drafting of 18 and 19-year-olds so that an Army with the spirit and hardihood of youth may shorten the war with annihilating new offensives. At the same time, the President called for the rationing of manpower. Workers must be kept from changing jobs at will, he said. Pirating of one employer's labor by another must be forbidden. The objective must be "the right numbers of people in the right places at the right time."

Optimistic Report

The president was delivering his second radio report to the Nation in five weeks. It was, generally speaking, an optimistic report of what he found on his recent tour of defense plants, Army posts and Naval stations. Already, he said, America is getting ahead of the enemy in the battles of transportation and production.

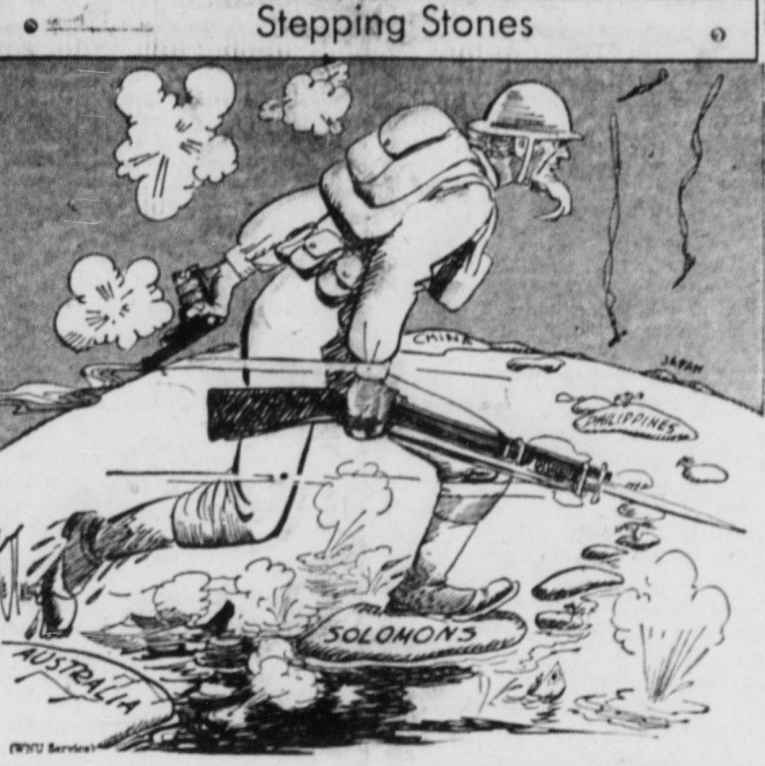
Axis Leaders Jittery

He pictured a jittery lot of Axis leaders, nervously watching the strength of the United Nations grow and their own diminish. "The strength of the United Nations is on the upgrade in this war," he said. "The Axis leaders, on the other hand, know by now that they have already reached their full strength, and that their steadily

Guest Speaker



The Rev. Luther E. Stein, D.D., Secretary of the Division of Church Relations, Presbyterian Board of Christian Education, will be the guest speaker at the Pennsylvania State College, October 17 and 18. He will meet formally with the Westminster Foundation students Saturday evening, October 17, and will speak at their meeting Sunday morning at 9:30. At 10:45 a. m. he will preach at the State College Presbyterian church at the morning service. Dr. Stein began his work with the Board of Christian Education on March 1, 1942. He came to his new work from five successful pastorates in California; the most recent one being that at Glendale, where he served as pastor since 1937. While serving the church in California, he found numerous fields of service in Presbyterian summer conferences, many Pacific Coast Christian Endeavor conferences and conventions, and particularly in the growing Youth Work of the Synod of California. Within his church at Glendale, with its large membership, a Sunday school of over 1,000, and numerous Christian Endeavor Societies and Boy's Clubs, he had a perfect opportunity for applying and testing the great principles of Christian Education in the life of individuals and of the church. Dr. Stein is a graduate of Hastings College, Hastings, Neb., and of San Francisco Theological Seminary, San Anselmo, Calif.



TWO AIR-RAID TESTS COMING

Two surprise air-raid tests during October are promised Pennsylvania by the State Defense Council—one at night and the other in daylight during school hours. Dr. A. C. Marts, council director, said neither would be given advance publicity. Meanwhile the council asked the county defense councils to act jointly with district foresters in appointing chiefs for the new forest fire fighters service.

Philipsburg Dentists Enlist

The dental circle of Drs. Frank H. Claude and Luther Gette, of Philipsburg, has been broken for the duration of the war with the enlistments of Dr. Claude and Dr. Luther Gette into the U. S. Army service. Both have been commissioned first lieutenants. Dr. Claude A. Gette, Jr., who left October 6, and was sent to the Third Corps Area, Headquarters, Baltimore, Md., is now stationed at Post Hospital, Holabird Ordnance Motor Base, Baltimore. Dr. Luther Gette will leave October 24 for the Area Headquarters at Baltimore.

Jury Acquits Altoona Man on Trial for Killing Wife's Alleged Paramour

Court Room Spectators Cheer as Verdict is Announced; Victim's Wife Declares Freeing of Husband's Slayer is 'Justified'

The unwritten law was seemingly upheld by a jury of 11 men and one woman in the Blair county court at Hollidaysburg Friday night, when a verdict of not guilty was read before Andrew Hileman, 64, charged with the murder of Lawrence Hemischer, 42, an Altoona huckster. The verdict, reached after nearly seven and a half hours' deliberation, was received with cheers and hand-clapping by the spectators in the court room. In the sheriff's office, before the verdict was read, Mrs. Hemischer, wife of the man who was slain, went to Hileman and said, "I have nothing against you, Mr. Hileman, and I hope that you have no ill feelings toward me. If my husband was doing the things that were brought out in court, then I feel that you were perfectly justified in doing what you did and he got what he deserved."

Story of the Tragedy

Andrew M. Hileman, employed as a construction worker at Chambersburg, returned to his home in Altoona on Saturday night, August 8, to find his wife, Mrs. Wilda Hileman to whom he had been married 27 years, absent. During the night he phoned police headquarters but learned nothing of his wife's whereabouts. Starting home from the coal dealer's place where he had phoned, he heard voices in the Nealy barn and saw matches being struck. He began to wonder if his wife might be there, as he testified he had been warned of his wife's relations with Hemischer. He declared he heard a man's voice in the hayloft of the barn saying in a joking manner, "No you don't, no you don't, and recognized with the murder of Lawrence Hemischer, 42, an Altoona huckster. He returned to his home and told his children that, "I am sure that is your mother in the barn with that man. I believe it is Hemischer." Then he declared he decided to make her come home and took a gun along for protection against Hemischer. The shooting occurred between 11 and 12 o'clock Saturday night. Hemischer was found about 8 o'clock the next morning on the back porch of a nearby resident, bleeding profusely from a wound in the chest, just above the heart. He died in the Altoona Hospital about three hours later. Following a search put out by the police, Hileman walked into the motor police barracks at Ant Hill and surrendered himself.

Altoona Man Gets Penitentiary Term

Eugene Stoltz, Twice Convicted by Juries, Sentenced by Court

Eugene W. Stoltz, 25, twice convicted by juries in Blair county courts, on two counts of criminal assault, rape and sodomy, was sentenced last Wednesday to 7 1/2 to 15 years in the Western Penitentiary, Judge Ivan Walker, of Bellefonte, who presided at Stoltz's second trial last June, passed sentence upon the defendant. Stoltz was sentenced to serve 2 1/2 to 5 years for sodomy and 7 1/2 to 15 years for rape, to run concurrently and pay the costs of prosecution and a \$1 fine each on both counts. Judge Walker lowered the sentence formerly meted out by Judge George G. Patterson, at a former trial by two and one-half years by running the sentences concurrently. Stoltz was sentenced to serve 2 1/2 to 5 years for sodomy and 7 1/2 to 15 years for rape, to run concurrently and pay the costs of prosecution and a \$1 fine each on both counts. Judge Walker lowered the sentence formerly meted out by Judge George G. Patterson, at a former trial by two and one-half years by running the sentences concurrently. Stoltz was sentenced to serve 2 1/2 to 5 years for sodomy and 7 1/2 to 15 years for rape, to run concurrently and pay the costs of prosecution and a \$1 fine each on both counts.

Ex Libris... By William Sharp

Advertisement for Ex Libris... featuring illustrations of a man in a military uniform and a ship, with text describing a naval vessel and a man's escape.

FLIERS SURVIVE WEEK ON RAFT

Seven American fliers, rescued from the South Pacific after drifting on a four-man raft for seven days, said today that they were bomber crew members of their B-17 bomber wrecked off of Europe. The men existed on a sip of water rationed morning and night, and a bit of chocolate daily. Twice they saw airplanes, but were unable to attract attention either with flares or their frantically waved shirts. They fought off three sharks and shot two of them. They were surprised to learn later from a news correspondent that a shark had ripped the bottom of the rubber raft end-to-end, but fortunately had not pierced the air compartment. The fliers knew the bottom was torn, but had no idea of the extent of the damage. Survivors of the bomber's crew are First Lieutenant James P. Van Haur, 24, pilot, Missoula, Mont.; Arvid W. (Bud) Anderson, 26, co-pilot, Bremerton, Wash.; and Sidney L. Darden, 26, navigator, Waco, Texas; Sergeant Joe Gaynor, 23, bombardier, Upper Lake, N. Y.; Richard Waul, 23, radio man, Brookline, Mass.; and Constantin Rusecky, 23, engineer, Shenandoah, Pa.; and Pvt. Virgil L. Murray, 25, side-gunner, St. Regis, Mont.

Dangerous Mountains

"We were afraid to try a landing because you haven't got a praying shrike in those dangerous mountains. At 11 p. m. we had only 20 minutes gasoline supply remaining and knew we would be forced down. "It was a sorta sick feeling not to pick up any light, but we were not afraid of a sea landing. The water looked rough. "Van Haur made a honey of a crash landing. Most planes break in two but ours held together, probably because it dropped flat. "There was a big blinding crash, like someone hitting you over the head, and a great white flash of water. "Van Haur's window jammed, and he and I went out my window. The others used the radio escape hatch. "All nine were forced to crowd on one four-man raft. We were unable to inflate the two-man raft and another four-man float went down with the plane. "No Room to Move

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Pursues Alleged Intoxicated Motorist After Car is Damaged

Shovel Operator Badly Hurt in Fall

Machine and Man Topple Over Quarry Ledge at Tyronne Plant

Father and Son Killed by Train

Meet Instant Death as Train Hits Auto on Crossing at Muncy

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Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Motter began housekeeping at Millheim Although no celebration had been planned, Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Motter of Lock Haven, were pleasantly reminded of their 50th wedding anniversary by greetings and best wishes of their numerous friends, including Adam Bierly, 86, Rebersburg, at whose home in Salona they were married in 1892. Mr. Bierly visited Mr. and Mrs. Motter earlier in the week. Friday evening Mr. and Mrs. Motter were tendered a surprise party by their family and friends to celebrate the occasion. They received many gifts and flowers and a large wedding cake. The only members of their family not present were their son Russell, and three of their eleven grandchildren. After their marriage they went to housekeeping in Millheim. Mr. Motter was a lumberman and they moved from place to place before settling in this city. Later Mr. Motter retired from lumbering and went to work at the paper mill. For the past 16 years he has been janitor at the First Lutheran church. Mr. and Mrs. Motter, the former Miss Annie Carter, both were originally from Loganton. They have three sons and two daughters. Another son died shortly after birth. They also have 11 grandchildren. Two sons and two daughters reside in Lock Haven, Merlin L. and Allen L. Motter; Mrs. Charles E. Bower and Mrs. Lawrence McNeerney. Their other son, Russell H. lived here until recently. He now resides at Middle-town. Mr. Motter is in good health and works every day, despite the fact there are still two pieces of a bullet in his right hip, the result of a hunting accident in this section about 20 years ago, which local hunters will recall. The bullet entered his upper right arm and then struck his side. For a long time his condition was

Man Captures Hit-Run Driver

Like the Northwest Mounties, John S. Schultz, president and general manager of the Jersey Shore Steel Co., got his man, but it cost him a new suit and a pair of shoes. The incident occurred one morning last week when Mr. Schultz's car was struck by a hit-run automobile on Route 22 near Newberry. Raymond Stahl of Jersey Shore was arrested and held under \$500 bond, after he was trailed by the owner of the damaged car. According to the Motor Police, Mr. Schultz was traveling east when he noticed a car ahead of him suddenly forced off the highway by the Stahl machine, which was weaving from one side to the other. Mr. Schultz also drove off the highway

Shovel Operator Badly Hurt in Fall

George Lynch, Tyronne Forge, was seriously injured Saturday afternoon while working at the quarries of the Tyronne Lime and Stone Company just south of the forge. A large gasoline shovel which Lynch was operating, slid over the ledge of one of the quarry holes, toppling over and falling nearly 50 feet. Lynch was caught under the shovel and it required the services of several trucks and another shovel to release him. He suffered compound fractures of both legs, severe chest injuries and shock. He was taken to the State hospital at Philipsburg, in the Blazier Arrow Fire Company ambulance. Buy Defense Bonds now!

Father and Son Killed by Train

A Pennsylvania Railroad passenger train, running three hours late, crashed into an automobile at a grade crossing near Muncy, Friday, killing Raymond Basore, 41, and his son, Kenneth, 17, of Muncy, R. D. W. I. Hain, engineer of the east-bound train from Rochester, N. Y., to Harrisburg, failed to see the train approaching and that they drove onto the track just as the train reached the crossing. The wrecked car, containing the bodies of the two victims, was carried on the engine tender for about 100 feet when it rolled down to one side of the track. The bodies then were thrown from the wreckage, that of the father landing 50 feet away and the son 25 feet. Pvt. George O'Day reported that Mr. Basore had left his farm home with his son at 6:40 a. m. to take Kenneth to work at the woolen mills. The officer described the visibility at the crossing as very poor and said the smashed car, east of the crossing could not be seen from the crossing. The fog was very heavy. Private O'Day said. Cut Down on Trucks A possibility that the least essential of the nation's 5,000,000 trucks and 150,000 buses must be taken out of operation, unless more rubber is allowed than was recommended in the Baruch report, was seen by Joseph B. Eastman, defense transportation director. Of the 150,000 buses, he said, nearly 100,000 are used to transport school children. Fine Loganian Angler Richard Miller of Loganton, arrested recently by State Fish Warden George Cross for illegal fishing, was fined \$100 and costs at a hearing before Justice of the Peace Andrew S. Cross of Mill Hill. Game Protector Miles L. Reeder assisted in the case. THEY WERE EXPENDABLE BY A. W. WHITE