

Odd and CURIOUS in the NEWS

A HANDY MULE

Bennie Williams, of Brunswick county, N. C. is too deaf to hear his wife blow on a conch shell from any great distance, but his mule isn't—and that's why Mr. Williams never misses a lunch call. What happens when Williams is at work some distance from his house and food is on this mule? Mrs. Williams blows on the shell. The mule hears the signal, stops short and brays. Williams hears the bray and heads for the dinner table.

SHORT STORY

Heartache, suspense and great joy came to Harry Woods, of Hillsboro, Ohio, within 10 minutes. He heard a news broadcast that five United States transports were sunk in the fight for North Africa. The crew of one, the Joseph Hewes, had included his son, Hugh. Woods went walking... encountered a young man in Navy uniform. It was Hugh—home on furlough.

LUCKY AND UNLUCKY

R. N. Welch, Butler sportsman, hunted deer for 12 seasons without luck. Then, on his 13th try, he came home with an eight-point buck. He left the carcass on his back porch, intending to dress it Saturday. But he awoke to find a thief made off with his prize. Welch now questions whether the No. 13 was lucky or unlucky.

GETS BUCK WITH ARROW

Sylvan Williams, president of the Clearfield Taxidermy Company, got his own specimen for mounting when he killed a six-point buck with a bow and arrow. Williams said his arrow nailed the deer behind the front shoulder at 40 yards. The animal dropped after going 30 yards further.

DESPERATE

Farmer R. D. Oldenstadt, of Oregon City, determined to keep up his war production, ran this classified ad in a local paper: "Notice to my neighbors: Will you please return tools borrowed from me in the last 10 years?" Then he listed as many as he could remember.

QUEER DISCOVERY

A 10-point buck was among contributors to Pennsylvania's "average Pearl Harbor" one-day scrap metal drive. Stanley Strong, Jr., of near Bloomsburg, shot the buck and discovered an automobile door handle in its side—apparently embedded there for years.

SAMARITAN

A shivering, hairless calf at last has found a good home. O. C. Decker bought the animal at a farm auction. Then came cold weather. Decker fitted it with long underwear. Now the calf is cozy.

Falls Into Creek

T. M. Snider, of Bloomsburg, had a narrow escape from drowning or exhaustion, while on his way back to the hunting lodge where he was staying with a party. He had gone to purchase groceries and took a short cut on his return trip, which included the crossing of a swollen stream on a log. When his foot slipped he was hurled into the swollen waters, but managed to get to shore, and started to walk the quarter of a mile to the lodge, which he reached in a semi-conscious condition, which lasted several hours.

Your best friend is the person who tells you the truth, not the one who tells you what you want to hear.

Two Clearfield Hunters Near Exhaustion After Becoming Lost In Woods

Walked Nearly All Night to Avoid Falling Asleep and Freezing to Death; Philipsburg and Winburne Firemen Aid in Search

Two half-frozen hunters, near the point of collapse, emerged from the thick woods at Drifting last Thursday, after being lost in the woods 24 hours. Philipsburg and Winburne firemen and a group of Clearfield residents led by Clair Hartle of Drifting, searched through the night for the lost men and it was the Philipsburg firemen's emergency lighting system which the lost men credited with saving their lives.

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Complete Valley Highway Bridge

Long-Delayed Structure at Last Completed; Road Is Now Open

The Bald Eagle Valley highway from Tyrone to Lock Haven is now one complete stretch of concrete. The detour signs, which have been in place at various points for over a year, were removed this week following the opening of the bridge below Howard.

With this change, the Bald Eagle Valley route from Milesburg to Lock Haven, becomes Route 220, with the Nittany Valley road through Bellefonte, becoming Route 93. The road has been open for some time from Lock Haven to Howard and from Bellefonte to Howard, with a detour necessary at the bridge over Bald Eagle Creek. Construction was delayed because of difficulty in obtaining steel for the bridge.

Escapes Injury

Henry J. Mowles, of Selingsgrove, chief probation officer for the Middle District U. S. Courts of Pennsylvania, and Paul Walker, Harrisburg newspaperman, escaped injury when Mowles' car overturned as they were returning from a hunting camp. The sedan skidded on snow as they were rounding a curve, went up a bank and overturned, damaging the fenders.

Fire Damages School

St. Marys firemen assisted a bucket brigade in bringing under control a night fire which caused several hundred dollars damage to the high school at Benzetete. The fire, which started in the basement made its way up through partitions to the attic floor before it was brought under control.

Shot In Hand

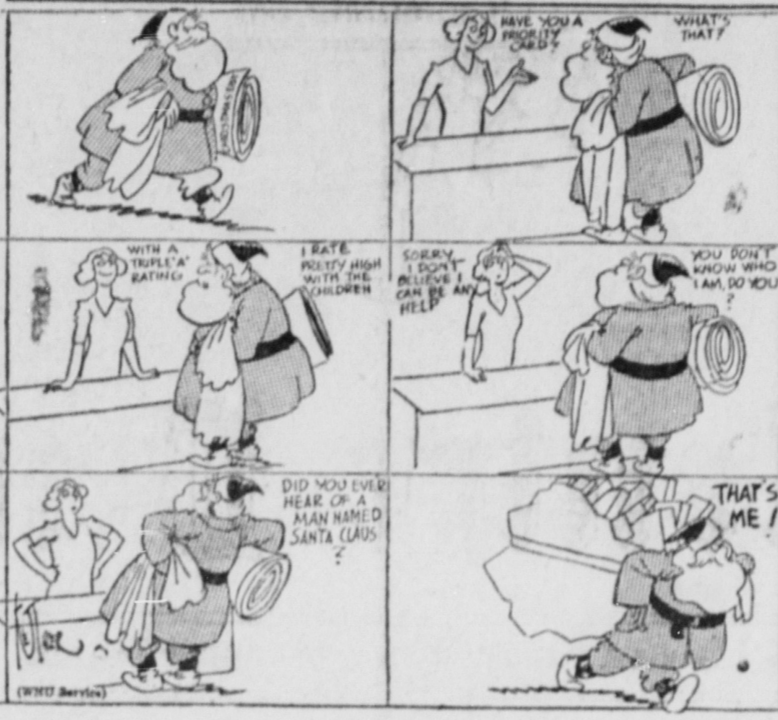
Reaching for his companion's gun to check the sights, William Bud Westbrook, 19, of Sayre, was wounded in the right hand while hunting near Emporium, when the weapon was accidentally discharged. Bernard Nichols, 20, of Athens, hunting with Westbrook, took him to St. Marys Hospital.

Returned to Jail

Steve Potuck, serving a 90-day sentence in the Sunbury jail, walked away from the court house, where he had been sent to wash windows, and was caught several hours later, after he had created a reign of terror, resisted officers, struck at several persons, and knocked down and injured one man.

Buy Defense Bonds now!

War Time Christmas Problems



ASSISTANCE HEAD AT MEETING

The Centre County Board of Assistance announced yesterday that Thomas C. Williams, executive director of the Centre County Board of Assistance has been named as a Pennsylvania representative to the National Council of Local Welfare Administrators, by Howard L. Russell, secretary of the Department of Public Assistance, and the director will attend a meeting of the Council in Chicago, Ill., December 11, 12 and 13.

The National Council of Local Welfare Administrators will meet jointly with the National Council of State Welfare Administrators to discuss and study the problems arising in the work of the Public Welfare Agencies in war service on a national, state and local level. The meeting is sponsored by the American Public Welfare Association.

Mr. Williams has been in Public Welfare Administration work for 12 years and has been executive director of the Centre county board for the past three years, handling the

administration of the assistance program in Centre county.

Recently the Centre county director was appointed Chief of the Emergency Welfare services of the Centre County Civilian Defense Council with the responsibility of coordinating the Emergency Welfare Services of the public and private agencies within the county during the war period and problems encountered in coordinating process of this type will be studied by the state and local administrators in their Chicago meeting in December.

The local director has been a member of the Pennsylvania Welfare Conference for the past several years and has taken an active part in the work of this organization.

Mr. Williams plans to leave Bellefonte for Chicago today, and expects to return to his work in the Assistance office on December 15, when a formal report of the conference will be given to the Centre County Board of Assistance.

HOW NEW RATION BOOK WILL BE WORKED

You'll have to learn how to juggle a new kind of money soon to put meat on the table.

Disclosing a few more details of the meat rationing program, scheduled for early next year, the Office of Price Administration explained some phases which have been developed particularly for handling such commodities.

Shortly after New Year's every-one will get War Ration Book No. 2. No. 1 was the sugar book which also is being used for coffee. Book No. 2 will contain 192 coupons of different colors, denominations, and lettering. These coupons are the coin of the new money system which Americans will have to master. Instead of pen-

nies, nickels, dimes, quarters and halves, you'll have a red A-1 coupon, a red A-2 coupon, a red A-3 coupon, a red A-4 coupon, through the whole alphabet except I and O, and then all over again for the blue coupons in the same book.

When meat rationing starts, OPA will assign certain letters, for use the first month or period of weeks—perhaps red A, B and C for February—and then will put out a price list in points, on various kinds of meat—maybe something like this:

Cuts	Points per lb.
Hamburger	1
Porterhouse	2
Lamb Chops	3
Round Steak	4

Bacon 5
This illustration is strictly hypothetical, because the big question which officials haven't settled yet is the point values to be assigned different kinds of meat. The points represent the figures on the coupons. An A-1 or an W-1 is good for one point, a B-5 or a T-5 five points, and so on. Two C-2's can be used for a 4-point purchase.

Certain Number of Points
From this point on, you budget your points just like your money except that it will be your points rather than your money that will be rationed. You might have a ration of 48 meat points for February. If you spend all your coupons on port-

Bellefonte Sailor, Home After Ship Sinks, Tells of Thrilling Experiences

Seventeen-Year-Old Robert E. Benford Was Member of Crew Aboard Naval Transport Torpedoed Off Casablanca

First Class Seaman Robert E. Benford, 17, of Bellefonte, home of a 30-day furlough, relates a thrilling story of America's part in the African campaign.

Robert was a member of the crew of the Tasker H. Bliss which was struck by a torpedo during landing operations off Casablanca. A son of William Benford, of Bellefonte, Robert would have been a sophomore in high school this term but quit school and enlisted in the Navy last June.

Bob, who was a coxswain on a naval transport landing boat when things began to happen, tells the following story:

"Our ship had unloaded all of its soldiers and our men were busy taking cargo to shore when things began to happen. There wasn't much action overhead because the anti-aircraft guns on the ships wouldn't let the planes get close enough to do any real damage.

"There must have been a lot of action under the water, though, because on one of our trips back to our ship, a busy transport, the Hugh L. Scott, was struck by a torpedo. We were busy helping to pick up survivors from her when our own transport got at least one torpedo in her port side.

"Right away we went to our ship and started to pick up survivors in our 36-foot amphibious boat. With all of the other ships and small boats we were able to get all of the survivors to shore. The ship was struck at 5:45 p. m. and we worked until 11 o'clock taking men to shore about 5,000 yards away. The ship finally sank about 4 o'clock the next morning.

"After we finished our work we spent the night in a church and the next day we were shipped in a cattle train to Casablanca, a distance of about 15 miles.

"Most of the men looked like something you read about. They had lost everything but what they happened to have on. When they turned out in uniform they were bedecked in combinations of uniforms of the U. S. Navy, the U. S. Army, the Fighting French, and native dress. Some looked like half-Arabs and kept looking like that until we got back to America."

Rural Mail Carrier Ends 35-Year Work

Morton C. DeHaas Retires From Duties at Beech Creek Postoffice

Morton C. DeHaas resigned as rural mail carrier for the Beech Creek postoffice, effective Dec. 1. The route is being covered by Bert J. Confer, the assistant carrier, until a permanent appointment shall have been made under Civil Service following examination of applicants. Mr. DeHaas faithfully performed his duties to the satisfaction of the patrons of the 28-mile route continuously for more than 35 years. For some time past his health, including eyesight, has been impaired and this prompted his retirement with the rewards for such a long period of government service.

LT. DONALD KERSTETTER HONORED AT DINNER

A dinner was given for 1st Lt. Donald Kerstetter at the home of his sister, Mrs. Melvin Lee, at Minerva, last Tuesday evening. 1st Lt. Kerstetter left for Louisiana this week to embark on an assignment to parts unknown.

Those present at the dinner were: Mr. and Mrs. Myrl Kerstetter, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kerstetter, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Kerstetter, Janet, Jean, Donna and Robert Kerstetter, Miss Annie Garbrick, Miss Sarah Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Kerstetter, Shirley and Phyllis Williams, Beverly and Barbara Sprout, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Lee and son Richard.

Writes From Guadalcanal

Mrs. Herbert Glenn of South Patterson street, State College, was the recipient of a letter last Monday from Lieut. Glenn, who is stationed at a base hospital in Guadalcanal. Lieut. Glenn stated that he is well and his mail from the States is now coming through more regularly than formerly. During the first months in the Pacific he received mail only intermittently although his letters to his home arrive regularly and in excellent time.

Random Items

HUNTING:

Hunters who stalked deer in Centre county woods during the first two days of the deer season last week, should have no fears about serving in the nation's armed forces for hunting those days was far more dangerous than fighting. In the first year of the present war seven Centre county hunters lost their lives. In the first two days of the hunting season, four men died in Centre county woods. If the fighting death ratio was the same as for hunting, the war casualty list of county men for the first year of war would have been 730 men instead of seven.

PAPPY:

A reader contributes this paragraph: "Maybe you've heard about the tall, dark, and handsome Bellefonte man who attends church services regularly, but who never seems to be able to arrive before the service is well under way. The other day was his daughter's wedding day, and the ceremony was scheduled at the church. The tall, dark and handsome man completed a few chores about town before going to church for the ceremony. Just as he pulled up to the front door of the edifice, the wedding party emerged. The ceremony, definitely, was over. And has he ever been in the doghouse?"

DEER, DEER:

An old hunter claims many experienced nimrods are passing up shots at bucks merely because they don't see antlers on the deer they see in the woods. We don't want to get any hunter in trouble, but this old duffer claims that the unusual odd weather early last week caused bucks to shed their antlers earlier than usual. Again we repeat, we're not responsible if any of you customers go out and shoot a doe, thinking it was a buck.

XMAS CARDS:

Maybe it's a form of treason to mention this, but we're going to, anyhow. Many Bellefonte families aren't going to send out Christmas greeting cards this year. Some claim it is unpractical to jam the mails with such non-essential material when the postal service is so overburdened with more important mail. Others plan to use the money they normally spend for cards and postage in buying War Stamps and Bonds. Still others claim that most persons merely rip open the envelope, read who the card is from, and destroy the card. If refraining from mailing out greeting cards this year will encourage some mother, wife, or sweetheart to receive mail from "her man" in the armed forces in time for Christmas, no further excuse seems necessary.

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Victim of Rare Malady Succumbs

Native of Madisonburg, Centre County, Dies at Lock Haven Home

Following a three years' illness from a rare malady for which physicians offered no cure, Robert E. Grimm, 38, a native of Madisonburg, died Saturday morning at his home in Lock Haven of a heart attack. He was found dead when his family arose Saturday morning.

Born in Madisonburg, he moved to Flemington with his family when he was four years old and had resided in Lock Haven all his life. He was a member of the Church of Christ and was active in the church life here. He was a member of the United Mine Workers, and the latter-mentioned which has for many months left him an invalid and because of which he was the subject of examination and treatment in several of the larger hospitals of the East, where doctors had known few other cases like his, none of which apparently had been cured.

He served the Lock Haven church as a deacon, was for one year superintendent of the Sunday school, and was active in the Men's Class. He also was a past grand of the Lock Haven Odd Fellows and was an employee of the paper mill.

Surviving him are his wife, Winifred, and two children, Jane and David, both at home; also four brothers and two sisters, Claude E. and Harry R. Grimm, Lock Haven; Walter L. Flemington; Ray Grimm, Jewett City, Kans.; Mrs. Frank J. Flaig and Mrs. Guy E. Powell, both of Lock Haven.

Missing Baby Found

The two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Pike, formerly of Altoona, who had been missing from his home since November 19, when his parents left him in care of a young girl while his mother accompanied his father to Ohio to seek employment, was located in Cleveland, Ohio, Saturday. The baby was found after detectives picked up two sisters who told of leaving home with the baby about three weeks ago.

Injured by Truck

Dasilio Crusetti of Salona, R. D. was admitted to the Lock Haven Hospital Friday afternoon after he had been knocked down by a backing truck while at work. He is a surgical patient but the extent of his injuries, as determined by x-rays, were not known at this writing.

One Day Holiday

President Roosevelt today reiterated that Government employes will have only a one-day holiday at Christmas. That will be Christmas Day itself.

Mill Hall Infant Suffocated in Bed

Parents Find Baby Dead in Bed at Home Sunday Morning

Mary Ann Neidrick, four months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence G. Neidrick, was found dead in bed at their Mill Hall home, Sunday at 10 a. m. Dr. W. J. Shoemaker, Clinton county corner, said death was due to suffocation.

The baby is survived by two brothers and two sisters, Charles, Robert, June and Jean, all at home.

Funeral services were held at the McCloskey Funeral Home at 2 p. m. Tuesday, with the Rev. Clarence F. Johnston officiating. Interment was in Cedar Hill cemetery.

EVANGELIST



REV. COLIN B. GRASSIE of Russell, N. Y., is holding evangelistic meetings in the Pilgrim Holiness church, Beech Creek, from December 6 to 20th.

Closes After 40 Years

The Guarantee Trust and Safe Deposit Bank, Mount Carmel, has ceased to function as a banking institution, in accordance with action taken by the stockholders at a meeting. Closing of the bank came after 40 years service. Mount Carmel still has three banks.

Hunter Drops Dead

Stricken as he was about to begin a deer hunt with three other men, William Gurber, 63, of Stowe, Ohio, dropped dead at a hunting camp at Betula, eight miles south of Smealport. Death was due to natural causes.

Osceola Priest Gives Aid at Fire

Administers to Dying at Boston Night Club Holocaust

Rev. Gerald Dugan, a Catholic priest and a native of Osceola Mills, administered last rites to the dying victims being brought from the Colquhoun Grove night club fire Saturday night, Nov. 28th. Rev. Dugan worked so close to the inferno that his clothing was scorched and in some places burned from his body.

Rev. Dugan was in a hotel room a block from the night club. He was in Boston to attend the Boston College-Holy Cross football game that afternoon. Hearing the fire fighting apparatus, Father Dugan hurried to the fire. He immediately began administering to the dying.

Father Dugan was born and lived at Osceola Mills. Three brothers, James, Thomas and John still live there and two brothers, Desmond and Aloysius, live at Erie.

Two Die in Fire

Two children, one an infant in arms perished and the mother and another child were critically burned, when fire, believed to have been caused by an overheated stove destroyed the bungalow home of Russell Cragle, about five miles from Hunt Creek, near Berwick. The charred body of Claude, aged 2, was found in the ruins; Russell, Jr., aged five months, died in the Nanticoke Hospital from injuries received when he fell from a window during an effort made by his mother to jump with him from an attic window. The mother and another son, Oscar, 4, are in a serious condition in the hospital.

\$7,000 Fire Loss

Fire of undetermined origin destroyed the brick residence of Mr. and Mrs. John Earl Moore, Milton, R. D., near the Point School, Friday afternoon, with a loss of \$7,000, during the absence of the family. Mr. and Mrs. Moore and the older son were working and the two younger boys were in school. Progress made when the fire was discovered and lack of water made it impossible to save the building or much of the furnishings. Three dogs, pets of the family, were burned to death.

During the Civil War, life insurance paid American families about \$7,000 daily in policy benefits; during the Spanish-American War about \$400,000 daily; during World War I about \$1,600,000 daily; and today \$6,500,000 daily.

Even the smartest individual has much to learn and the smarter they get the better they realize it.

Two Die in Fire As Shack Burns

Brothers Are Victims of Drinking Party Near Williamsport

Charles Nichols and his brother, Robert (Wally) Nichols, were burned to death in a drinking party that leveled a river-bank shack near Williamsport early Saturday morning. Three others in the party escaped unhurt. They are: Harry Turner, Albert Lassick and Charles Margavay.

Questioning brought out that the five men were in the shanty and had two gallons of wine. They were drinking and Turner is reported to have in some manner upset the kerosene lamp, police said.

Turner told officers that he kicked up the lamp, grabbed the curtains which the lamp had set afire and threw them out and left the place. The alarm of fire was spread by a woman who ran to Patrolman Oliver C. Stoner at Fourth and Arch street and reported there was a fire at the foot of Arch street. Patrolman Stoner turned in the alarm and hurried to the scene.

Officers in Training

More than 100 naval officers and naval aviation cadets are stationed on the campus of the State Teachers College at Bloomsburg, to participate in a concentrated program in preparation for flight instruction and combat service. The college is one of but four in the United States to carry on their flight instructor program for the Navy. The day begins at 6:15 with a physical education period, and closes with taps at 10 o'clock.

Enters Navy School

Ensign George L. Donovan, who managed Student Union at the Penn State College for eight years, left last Monday to report for a month's training in communications at the U. S. Naval Training Station at Norfolk Heights, Conn. After completion of his course there, he will be assigned to active duty. Ensign Donovan was graduated from the College in 1935 in commerce and finance. Mrs. Donovan will remain in State College to continue her position at the College.

Scaled by Beans

Jesse Harris, who anticipated a bit of food during the early morning watch at the observation tower at Milton Thursday, was scalded about the face by hot beans, when the can he was attempting to open, exploded. He was serving from two to five o'clock.

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