

Odd and CURIOUS in the NEWS

LUCKY HUNTER

Marshall Shoemaker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Myron E. Shoemaker, of Towanda, expected to spend all day hunting for deer.

CAT IN WASHER

Dumping an armful of clothes into her electric washer, Mrs. Lillian Neyman, of San Francisco, clamped on the lid and pressed the button.

SLIGHT ERROR

A 65-year-old Towanda man answered readily when the hunting license clerk asked his age, address, occupation, color of eyes and nationality—but was stumped when she queried: "Did you report what you got last year?"

110 Die When Dance Hall Filled With Merrymakers Burns at Newfoundland

Flames Break Out During Barn Dance at St. John's; Many Victims Were Service Men of United Nations

A roaring fire spreading with incredible speed killed at least 110 persons and injured 102 more at a barn dance in the Knights of Columbus Hotel at St. John's, Newfoundland, Saturday night.

Dozens of persons were trampled to death in a panicky rush to escape, and bodies were found piled near the exits just as in the Coconut Grove blaze in Boston which claimed nearly 500 lives.

As in the Boston disaster, many of the victims among the 500 dancers were servicemen, including some Americans, and a large proportion were women.

Shrieking men and women stampeded for the exits when the fire sprang up, again shortly before midnight, after first being reported under control.

Cause Not Determined The hostel, operated for convenience of the services, drew men from the armed forces of many of the United Nations on Saturday nights.

The fire whipped through the structure before firemen could get into action, and flames scorched or threatened several nearby buildings.

Public halls in St. John's became temporary morgues and hospitals.

Woman Killed Picking Coal

Badly Mangled Body of Blair County Victim Found Along Tracks

The lifeless, badly mangled body of Mrs. Annie Delozier, 56, of Coburn, Blair county, was found Friday afternoon by a track crew after she was instantly killed while picking coal from the main line of the Pennsylvania Railroad.

Mrs. Delozier is said to have been engaged in picking coal on track No. 3 when she was struck by the approach of an eastbound freight train by the whistles and in order to get out of the path of the approaching eastbound train she walked directly onto track No. 2 into the path of the train which struck her.

Mrs. Annie Mae Delozier, widow of William Delozier, was born December 18, 1885, at Frankstown, a daughter of William and Margaret Gorsch.

Train in Machine Tool Operation The Swartz Machine Shop of Bellefonte is training men in machine tool operation.

Five Husbands Peggy Ann Kent, 25, daughter of the late Sidney R. Kent, film magnate, was recently married to her fifth husband, an officer in the U. S. Medical Corps.

Bear Kills Tiger That Killed Keeper A full-grown tiger sprang from its pen at the Clyde Beach zoo at Fort Lauderdale, Fla., during the feeding period Friday and clawed to death a 25-year-old attendant before it, in turn, was killed by a bear.

50,000 Veterans Haven't Collected Pennsylvania is holding \$200 each for 50,000 war veterans—collectable any time before July 1, 1944.

\$5,000 Fire Loss Fire at the fraternity house of the Susquehanna University Chapter of Beta Kappa last Saturday afternoon caused an estimated \$5,000 damage through flames, smoke and water.

CHRISTMAS IN BEAUTIFUL BRUSH VALLEY. Without exception, every human being, God destined To over-rule; which history admits—is not questioned.

According to prophecy, Jesus came into the world: God to, and through the prophets heard To all people; the world's sweetest message Ever was heard: for all people, Spiritual fruitage.

On Christmas, all people in Beautiful Brush Valley, Unite with all people, around Christmas tree rally; So Christ's birth, may be duly commemorated, Believing in Spirit, in human hearts commanded.

Christ's birth, the greatest event in world known; The great event which cannot be overturned. The Christmas tidings bring new heart cheer Into every heart, in every person's career.

Our war-torn world needs Christ's Spirit, For which every human being does exist. If all nations Christ's Spirit would enjoy, Instead of suffering there would be joy.

The Christmas joy in every heart Is the reason why every one takes part. Young and old, to bring to others good cheer, So all might the Christ Spirit rever.

All are interested in the Christmas season Because joy the heart's need is the reason. The happiest day of the whole year, Is the reason, all unite its joy to cheer.

The greatest joy in exchange of gifts, A gift often covers many sore rifts. All people to save, Christ came To blot in human heart, sin of shame.

Christ's Spirit should rule every home, Even every heart, to avoid heart's moan. Jesus Christ is the world's greatest gift, For the purpose: out of heart, sin to sift.

Edwin S. Bierly, Rebersburg, Pa. December 10th, 1942.



TOKYO ONCE AFRAID OF WAR

How a "pay-off" of 50,000 yen was made by the Japanese government to the Nipponese "underworld" in the early part of the century to prevent alterations with American visitors that might have led to war then is related by Albert Bushnell Hart, professor emeritus of history at Harvard.

LONE CRUISER'S BOLD ADVENTURE

The experience of every man aboard this fighting ship which did so much in stopping a major Japanese thrust against Guadalcanal.

Service Men Are Honored, Sunday

Blanchard and Loganton Communities Dedicate Honor Rolls

Two honor roll dedications for service men were held Sunday afternoon in two communities.

At Blanchard the names of 47 boys from the township were on the board when it was unveiled at brief ceremonies first before the address by Rep. James E. VanZandt and other services in the Church of Christ.

The Rev. M. S. Rogers spoke briefly dedicating the board after the flag raising and unveiling ceremony had taken place.

At the church, Harris Confer presented service flags to the parents of the boys.

At Loganton there were 51 names on the board when it was unveiled following a service in the Lutheran church.

The program there opened with music by the Sugar Valley Vocational School Band, the invocation by the Rev. Arthur Yeagy, scripture reading by John Boone.

The erection of the marker there was sponsored by the Loganton Community Club and other citizens.

Following are the names of the men honored at the two ceremonies:

Advertisement for Col. Flint Garrison, featuring a portrait and text: 'COL. FLINT GARRISON. YOUTHFUL VETERAN FLYER OF THE "MIDDLE EAST" THEATER. NOW HEADS A BOMBARDMENT GROUP.'

Roosevelt Reports More Than 1,000,000 U.S. Forces Overseas by December 31

Allies Have Taken Initiative, President Says, In Lease-Lend Report to Congress; Must Hold This Position

President Roosevelt informed Congress that by the end of this month American forces overseas will number more than 1,000,000 men.

The President in the seventh quarterly report on lease-lend operations, said in a letter of transmittal that the Axis powers "have, temporarily at least, lost the initiative, and added:

"We must do all we can to keep them from retaining it." Lease-Lend aid in the last three months up to December 31, totaled \$2,397,000,000, he reported.

Enter New Phase The President said that since the last report the war had entered a new phase with the United Nations forces attacking from Egypt and North Africa and contesting with the Axis "for control of the African coastline of the Mediterranean."

"The Soviet army, having held with stubborn bravery at Stalingrad, has now assumed the offensive," he added. "The Japanese have been recklessly expending ships and men in the Solomons, a battle ground of her own choosing."

"The chief executive went on to say that "we must bring the full strength of all the United Nations to bear directly against the enemy," adding:

"We must bring together our joint productive capacity and our material resources, our finished munitions, and our fighting power, and we must

Random Items

OLD FOLKS' HOME: Latest inquiry about the idle Bellefonte Academy property comes from a group which has expressed some interest in converting the former preparatory school into an old folks' home.

BUTTER AT 86¢? We haven't been able to confirm this story but it is persistently rumored about town that on Saturday, when none of the stores had any butter in stock, certain dealers having country butter boosted the price to as high as 86 cents a pound.

WONDER: Did you ever notice that during a light snowfall in Bellefonte when the temperature is just slightly below the freezing point, snow piles up dry and powdery on some portions of some streets, and melts on other parts of the same streets.

ON TOP AGAIN: Lt. Richard Robb, of Bellefonte, is in New London, Conn., after more than a year's active service in submarine work in the Pacific ocean.

JOHN JOSEPH: Jim Weaver's list of heavyweight fighters whose first names began with "J" is now complete.

SHOES: Fit to make your feet hurt just from looking at them are two ancient boots now on display in the center of the Yeager Shoe Store window on West High street.

FIRE TRAPS: There's no use being over-jittery because of the two disastrous night club fires in the northeast in recent weeks, but it might be a good idea to find out how a Saturday night crowd in some Bellefonte and other Centre county night spots could get out of the places in the event of a "flash" fire.

PRESS TABLE: Newspapersmen attending a regular meeting of the school board at the new high school building Monday night were pleased with the new facilities for their use.

TO TRAIN 125 WOMEN Pennsylvania State College has been selected as one of eight in the nation, where Curtiss-Wright Corporation will send college women for training for "engineering cadets."

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To Close Debt For what is believed to be the first time in its history, Phillipsburg will be a debt-free town when New Year Day arrives.

Eight Escape Narrowly Eight members of the family of William Knapp of Phillipsburg, narrowly escaped, when their home was burned in an early morning fire last Monday.

Sugar Valley Pastor to Leave The Rev. Arthur E. Yeagy, pastor for the past five years of the Sugar Valley parish, Lutheran church, has resigned his pastorate to accept a call to Messiah Lutheran church, Larchmont, near Philadelphia.

John R. Miller, Jr., Promoted to Corporal A few hours after being promoted from private first class to technician fifth grade, John R. Miller, Jr., of Millheim, Pa., on his way to Mississippi State College to begin a three-month course in the Army Administrative Officers Candidate School there.

Burned Saving Stock Albert Snyder, of near Northumberland, was severely burned while rescuing livestock from his barn, after flames broke out on the second floor of the structure.

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CAFETERIA: The School Board, Monday night, heard a report on the first month's business in the cafeteria in the new high school. According to the report, the cafeteria is taking in an average of \$100 per week.

Hunter Misaken For Game, Killed

Shot in Mistake For Wildcat While Perched in Branches of Tree

The closing day of Pennsylvania's twelve-day deer hunting season brought death to Lester Hershey, 27, of Littleton, who was shot and killed while perched in a tree near Williamsport, Saturday.

The fatal shot was fired by Luther Crouse, Hershey's brother-in-law, according to State Motor Policemen J. E. Mays and W. G. Fink.

Crouse, the officers said, reported that wildcat tracks had been seen by his hunting party and that he fired into the tree when he spied an object among the branches.

Hershey and a friend had taken positions in the tree while Crouse and another hunter were driving deer, police said.

Crippled Battleship "We next concentrated on a battleship that loomed up suddenly. She was concentrating on us, too, and I can tell you it's not a pleasant sensation to be facing an enemy battleship when you're in a cruiser."

"Well, we did all right, anyway," another officer broke in. "We put four salvos into her, and she didn't get any hits worth mentioning on us. We must have disabled her badly, and that's probably the crippled battleship which was still in the area yesterday morning and was sunk trying to get away."

The cruiser kept moving fast, holding its position in the column and swinging its position to the right, its guns firing at whatever enemy targets could be discerned through the smoke and haze. Within a few minutes, it least seven ships lay blazing furiously on the water.

"We saw a big explosion as a Jap cruiser blew up. I'm not sure who got her, but she went up in flames and later sank. That's what counts."

State College Man Thrown from Bicycle Clemens Schoenebeck, of State College, R. D., suffered a fracture of the index finger of his left hand and bruise burns and contusions of the left hip, last Thursday morning when his bicycle was struck by a car operated by Joseph L. Neff, Jr., of Oak Hill station.

Laboratory Workers Needed The United States Employment Service of Lewistown, announces job openings in war industries for women laboratory workers, who have a high school education, one year of which was basic chemistry.

Q—Please send me information on soil testing. A—Chemical analysis of soil is not always an aid to learning the fertility of soil because chemicals dissolve minerals that plant roots cannot, and vice versa.

Q—Are the poppy seeds for rolls special seeds? A—Any kind of poppy seed may be used, but the white or blue Holland varieties produce larger seeds and more of them than most other sorts.

Q—Do woodpeckers harm trees? A—Woodpeckers drill for borers, and borers usually select a tree low in vitality and dying for their victim. The secondary damage by the woodpeckers is of little account compared to the serious damage done by borers.

Q—Is it better to grind home-grown grains coarse or fine to get the greatest feeding value out of it? A—Strange as it may seem, livestock can extract more nourishment from grain that is coarsely ground than from the same grain ground very fine; and they prefer the coarser material. Naturally, it costs less to grind coarse than fine, so set your grinder wide and grind coarse feed.

Q—What is the best time of the year for setting out blueberry bushes? A—The proper time is in December to January when vines are entirely dormant. Cut back to 4 arms 2

Q—When should grape vines be pruned? A—The proper time is in December to January when vines are entirely dormant. Cut back to 4 arms 2

Q—Is there any reason why you should know nothing about it, because life is full of so many mysterious quantities of the same bank.