

Odd and Curious in the NEWS

EIGHT GRANDPARENTS Christmas gifts from eight grandparents were showered upon two-week-old James Elly Anderson of Emporium. He didn't mind it at all, he cooed Friday. The grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ed Anderson, of Port Allegany, and Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Close, of West-Creek. His two sets of great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Burt Close, of Emporium, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Craven, of nearby North Creek. The latter are the parents of the child's grandmother, Mrs. H. E. Close.

BRIDGE LOST The girl at the Towanda telegraph office couldn't believe her eyes Friday when James Tuffy, theater manager, handed her a telegram reading: "Brooklyn Bridge lost in transit." She hadn't heard it was being shipped anywhere, let alone to Towanda. When Mr. Tuffy got the message he too, was perplexed but in a different way. He had to make arrangements for a substitute movie to fill the holiday bill.

HOMESICK YOUTH When Robert B. Hess, 19-year-old government project worker at Chambersburg, gets homesick he goes home. State Motor Police, after finding a missing truck at his home, told him he used the 7-ton truck to drive home last Thursday when he got homesick, and intended to return it this week.

ANNA DOWNS DOWN When a sympathetic observer said to a Bloomsburg young woman whose knee was badly lacerated in a fall, "It's tough going!" she hastened to agree: "Till say it is. I've fallen down six times thus far." When a bystander inquired: "What's your name?" she replied "Anna Downs."

BIBLE GOES TO WAR Wayne Fellows' grandfather carried a Bible through the War between the States. An uncle had the same Bible in the World War. And now Wayne, of Stockton, Mo., in an army camp on the west coast, has the Bible in his possession. It is more than 100 years old.

THE LONELY HEART. (Dedicated to an American soldier in India).

I see your face upon the wall. In the sunset afterglow. I hear your step upon the stair; I feel your fingers brush my hair, As the lamplight flickers low. Your laugh floats on in the evening breeze. Waiting for me under the trees, As you did once long ago. But the silent hall is cold and dark; And the shadows nevermore depart; The wind goes meekly by. The trees stand vacant in the lawn; A waning moon fades in the dawn; My lonely heart heaves a sigh. No laughing eyes from the doorway gleaming. I only know that I have been dreaming. Since we said our last goodbye. Marie Christine Peters, Redlands, Calif.

NEWS IN THE WORLD OF RELIGION BY W.W. REID

Thousands of churches across the United States are observing New Year's Day as a day of prayer in keeping with President Roosevelt's proclamation of last month: "And I request that both Thanksgiving Day, November 26, 1942, and New Year's Day, January 1, 1943, be observed in prayer, publicly and privately." The Moderator of the Presbyterian General Assembly and the leaders of other denominations have asked their ministers to hold special services on this day.

Governor Harold E. Stassen, of Minnesota, has been elected president of the International Council of Religious Education, with headquarters in Chicago. He succeeds the late Russell Colgate, businessman and philanthropist.

The men's Bible class of the First Presbyterian church, Ardmore, Okla., is sponsoring a service man's center. About one hundred men and women have been appointed hosts and hostesses; one couple serves for a period each month. When a soldier, sailor or marine signs the register of the club and gives his home address, the Rev. Horace C. Casey, pastor, writes the service man's family that he has visited this church. The idea is spreading to other parishes.

Reports from Europe indicate that the Quisling authorities in Norway have recently forbidden paper supplies to the Norwegian Bible Society. Its circulation of scriptures last year was exceptionally large. There has been a new printing and wide distribution of the Bible in Hungary. The War Emergency Fund of the American Bible Society is making possible the printing and distribution of Bibles, Testaments and gospel portions in Czech-Slovakia. There has also been recent calls for the printing of new Bibles in Italian, Spanish, and in Polish, and funds for these will probably be supplied through the American Bible Society.

More Than 5000 Vaccinated to Stem Spread of Smallpox Outbreak in Mifflin County

Doctors Battle Hard to Check Epidemic That Started in Amish Colony; Quarantine Handicaps Milk Market

More than 5,000 persons in Kishacoque, surrounding Mifflin county area have been vaccinated during the past few days as medical authorities sought to stem the outbreak of smallpox which originated last week at a gala rural wedding attended by 250 Amishmen.

Dr. J. H. Stewart, state secretary of health, toured the area and declared himself "well satisfied with the situation." He said the outbreak was "well in hand with no cause for alarm over the possibility of the disease spreading."

Three new cases reported Monday, all adults in homes of persons previously quarantined, brought to 31 the number infected during the past week. Seven of the sufferers are children, including three-year-old twins.

Dr. Brown said there were no plans at present to extend the quarantine to other parts of the county. He said only one of the strikers, who was considered a "bad case" and he was showing improvement.

Dr. S. J. Dickey, of the State Department of Health, said no reports had been received from other areas visited by a woman from Ohio, who

is suspected of having carried the disease to an Amish wedding party attended by 235 guests. The woman since has returned home. It is also reported that an Amish minister's wife who visited the Mifflin county settlement became ill with smallpox upon returning to Ohio last month. The woman was in good health when she left Ohio, it is asserted, and she might have contracted the disease in Pennsylvania.

Meanwhile thousands of residents of the valley are feeling the effects of the police isolation. Belleville, a town of some 1,500 persons, located in the heart of the valley, is especially hard hit, as no one can enter, or leave without special permission from the medical authorities.

Police stationed at four road blocks are stopping vehicles of all kinds, and commercial and industrial activity is almost at a standstill.

The Amish farmers have been affected financially. Most of them are dairymen, and the operator of one Belleville creamery said he was forced to turn back 200,000 pounds of milk a day. He said the farmers were using it to feed pigs.

Old Burns Fatal To 8-Year Youth

Young Son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Vallala Dies in Hospital

A patient in the Phillipsburg Hospital for the past four months, eight-year-old William Vallala, young son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Vallala, of Graham Station, died Sunday night from injuries received in a burning accident August 31.

The lad was burned last August 31 when he and a companion were preparing to roast apples on a hill near their homes. The boys had gotten some gasoline from a nearby power house and the younger washed his hands with it and then started to build a fire. His clothing caught fire and he was seriously burned over his entire body.

This was the second death by fire in the Vallala family in six weeks. A 2-year-old sister, Kay Carol, died from burns on November 17 when she ignited paper in the kitchen stove grate. Her hair and clothing caught fire and she was rushed to the hospital where she died three hours later. The little girl was a twin.

Funeral services were held from the home Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, in charge of Rev. A. C. Rorbaugh. Wallacetown Methodist minister. Burial was made in the Wallacetown cemetery.

Telegraph Messages Discontinued In order to keep the wires clear for war messages, the Western Union Telegraph Company announces that no domestic telegrams of greetings and congratulations will be accepted until further notice. "The order of the Board of War Communications is a war measure," Manager M. F. Kinley of Western Union stated, "and we are confident that our customers will gladly comply with the order and cooperate for the good of the general war effort."

If you take the name-calling out of some writing there is not much left.

Milkman Saves Minister's Wife

Arrives in Time to Rescue Mother and Son From Porch Roof

The timely arrival of a passing milkman at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Hayes Stauffer, Bellwood, last Tuesday morning, while the house was burning, probably saved Mrs. Stauffer and her small son from serious injury.

The two-story frame house, occupied by the minister and family was entirely destroyed by fire which originated from an overheated stove. Mrs. Stauffer and her son, caught in the flames, made their way to safety through a second-story window on the porch roof where they were helped to safety by the milkman. Mrs. Stauffer received a back injury when she slipped and fell while walking toward the edge of the roof.

Both Mrs. Stauffer and the child were taken to the home of a neighbor where they were given temporary refuge. Rev. Stauffer, an evangelist at the Good Will tabernacle in Bellwood, had fixed the fire at the home early in the morning and had then left for the Altoona shops where he is employed.

JACKSONVILLE

Church services on Sunday, Jan. 3, are as follows: Sunday school, 9:30; worship, 10:45, at which time they will hold the installation of officers.

The Ladies Aid Society will meet at the home of Mrs. Ed. Aley on Thursday evening, Jan. 7.

Mr. and Mrs. John Neff and children and Mrs. Richard Compton of Boothwyn, Mrs. Chester Neff of York, visited at the Miles Bartley home on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Delaney of Centre Hall, spent Thursday night at the Alice Betz home. Christmas day was spent with Mrs. Ruth Betz and children of Howard. Other callers were Mr. and Mrs. John Flahburn and daughter Lois of Bellefonte, and Mr. and Mrs. Snipe of Howard.

Mr. and Mrs. Sumner Noll and children spent Christmas vacation at State College.

Mrs. Lucy Conway was a dinner guest at the home of her son, Robert Conway and family on Christmas day. Supper guests at the same place were his mother, Ellsworth Conway, Gertrude Sheasley and daughter Shirley of Lock Haven. Other callers were Harry Swope, Cpl. George Swope of Atlanta, Ga., Mr. and Mrs. John Dunkle and son Paul of Mifflinville.

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Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Delaney called at the Miles Bartley home Christmas forenoon.

Mr. and Mrs. John Shaffer and children of Centre Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mabius, Miss Bette Aley of Bellefonte, Mrs. Leon Aley of Ripka of Spring Mills, spent Christmas at the C. E. Aley home. Other callers were Miss Rozella Ertley of Blanchard, Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Ertley and children, Harry and Lucy Conway.

Philip Bartley spent Saturday and Sunday with his cousin, Billy Decker of Lock Haven.

Callers at the James Shaffer home during the week were Ellsworth Conway, Gertrude Sheasley and daughter Shirley of Lock Haven, Mrs. Lucy Conway, Mrs. Floyd Long, Mrs. Harry Swope, Lester Conway, Elmer Swope, Carl Bartley, Billy, Evelyn, Margie and Wava Vonada, and Leona and Amanda Conner.

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Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Aley and daughter Bette, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Aley spent Sunday at the John Shaffer home. Afternoon callers were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mabius.

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VICTORY! is the Password



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Four Killed by Heater Fumes

Bloomsburg Council President, Father and Daughter Among Victims

Four persons, including the president of Bloomsburg town council, died of gas fumes at Bloomsburg on Christmas, in two holiday tragedies. The victims were Clyde L. Ohl, 51, president of the town council and a prominent businessman; his daughter, Dorothy Ruth, 23, and his father, Boyd T. Ohl, 83, and Mrs. Carl Kinney, 19-year-old bride of six months.

Relatives arriving at the Ohl home for Christmas dinner found all three inside the locked house. The aged father was pronounced dead but physicians and first aid crews worked more than two hours in unsuccessful attempts to revive the councilman and his daughter.

The coroner said all three died of coal gas from the furnace. He added that other members of the family reported having had difficulty recently with the furnace.

Mrs. Kinney, who with her husband, was found unconscious in their trailer home Christmas Eve, died Friday in a hospital, where her husband remained a patient. Coroner McHenry said they were overcome by fumes from an oil stove.

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Pomp and Splendor Will Be Missing at Inaugural Ceremony for New Governor

Martin to Take Office Tuesday, January 19, In Simple Ceremony; Parade Has Been Cancelled; Ball Will Be Held

Most of the pomp and splendor associated with inauguration of a Governor has been eliminated from plans for the induction of Edward Martin into the Pennsylvania governorship on January 19, at the request of Governor-elect Martin. It was announced from Harrisburg.

The colorful parade, which traditionally is an integral part of the inauguration, has been abandoned at the request of the incoming governor.

In past inaugurations, special trains brought thousands from all sections of the State, while other thousands came by bus and private automobile to display their political allegiance in the parade.

The entire inaugural ceremonies will have a military air in keeping with the times and many of the men who served with Martin in the Philippine campaign and the World War will attend.

In keeping with the simplicity theme, there will be no formal invitations for the inauguration and only a smaller number of tickets will be issued for the grandstand which will be erected on the Capital Plaza, where Martin will take the oath of office at noon. In the event of inclement weather the ceremonies will be transferred to the Forum of the State Education Building.

The oath will be administered by Justice George W. Masey, of the State Supreme Court, who will become Chief Justice of the tribunal with the retirement next week of Chief Justice William I. Schaffer.

Martin's only concession to frills is his approval of the Inaugural Ball, on the condition that proceeds go to the armed forces. Lieut. Col. John E. Shade, of the Department of Military Affairs, is chairman of the Inaugural Ball arrangements.

This event, not an official part of the inauguration, will be held at Zumbo Mosque inauguration night.

M. Harvey Taylor of the committee on arrangements, has dispensed with appointment of honorary committee members for the inauguration and entrusted arrangements largely to Walter G. Scott, deputy Secretary of Property and Supplies, and a working committee of State officials.

Col. Lynn G. Adams, State Police Commissioner, will cooperate with Harrisburg police in handling the crowd, and will arrange for escorts for retiring Governor Arthur H. James and the Governor-elect to the inauguration stand. A detail of State Police will serve as ushers.

Charles Lewis Berkhimer, a 69-year-old employe of the D. M. Bar Paper Company in the Roaring Spring mill, took his own life Sunday morning at 4:30 o'clock in the basement of his home by shooting himself with a shotgun. Blair County Coroner Chester C. Rothrock reported.

Coroner Rothrock said Berkhimer had been a patient in one of the hospitals for some time where it was found that an operation could not relieve him from the ailments he was suffering and had grown despondent.

Berkhimer was a son of Charles L. and Sarah Berkhimer and was born in Roaring Spring, August 14, 1882. He was united in marriage with Maudie Stonebrook, who survives, with two sons, Ray Franklin, with the armed forces overseas, and Paul L., at home. Also surviving are eight brothers and sisters.

Aged Man Found Dead By Stream

Elmer E. Felmelee Stricken While Preparing to Water Cows

Elmer E. Felmelee, 80, of Hyner, Clinton county, a brother of Laird Felmelee, Miss Mary Felmelee and Mrs. Gertrude Runkle of Bellefonte, was found dead of a heart attack at Hyner Monday afternoon, Dec. 21. Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Daniel Rigale, Hyner, and interment made in Hyner cemetery.

Mr. Felmelee, a Hyner resident for the past 50 years, had recently been taking care of stock for Martin Cummings who is employed in the Renovo shops. On Monday all members of the Cummings family were away from home and Mr. Felmelee had apparently gone to care for the stock as usual when he was stricken.

His body was found on the edge of Hyner Run where he had cut a hole in the ice to water the cows. Mr. Cummings found him in the afternoon when he returned from work.

Mr. Felmelee was a native of Nippenose Valley and had been a farmer and lumberman and later was employed by the State Highway department. His wife died in 1939.

Hospital Renders Invaluable Service

The junior committee of the D. A. R. Woman's Medical Auxiliary, Nurses' Reading Club, and to the Woman's Auxiliary for their fine cooperation and interest shown in the hospital, with excellent cooperation of the Board and various committees, staff and assistants, nursing staff, and the heads of various departments, the Woman's Auxiliary and others, the work of the hospital has been a great benefit to the county and other communities.

The Bellefonte Community Welfare Association has helped the hospital with the above schedule materially. In the past fiscal year the amount given them was \$4,706.21. While this money was not designated for any purpose it will be easy for the reader to see how helpful the money they give to the Welfare Fund is in carrying on this most important service in our community.

The situation of the Centre County Hospital may seem acute but with the state doing its share and the community cooperating fully, our hospital will take stock of itself anew and assure future advances.

To Remove Rails The Public Utility Commission has approved salvaging of the storage track of the Lewisistown branch of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company where it crosses Walnut Street in Sellersgrove, Snyder county.

Random Items

MANY THANKS:

This corner's plea for a substitute on the "black box" from 5 to 2 o'clock Christmas morning brought quick and most pleasing results. The first volunteer for the tough holiday assignment was Mrs. Frederick F. Hallows, of North Allegheny street, who handled the task most efficiently. Later L. C. Heineman, secretary of the YMCA and who has charge of seeing that the "black box" is manned 24 hours a day, every day in the year, called and said if he couldn't get a substitute for us, he'd be there himself. Donald Klinger, manager of the Centre County Thrift Co. office was the next to offer his services, and Miss Martha McKnight, elderly Bellefonte woman residing on East Howard street, volunteered next. In addition many others, including Mrs. William E. Troupe, who aided Mrs. Hallows, expressed interest in the matter. To all of them, especially to Mrs. Hallows who performed the chore, this corner expresses sincere thanks. The milk of human kindness has not gone sour.

FINE: A couple of youths from out-of-town were seen the other day stuffing nickles in a parking meter as fast as the machine would take them. A bystander asked what the reason was. One of the boys, apparently the driver of a car parked in the space, pointed to a parking ticket and said: "I'm just paying my 50-cent fine for overtime parking." When informed that he couldn't pay the fine to the meter, the youths uncomplainingly went to the borough office, paid the fine, and didn't even mention the extra nickles they'd stuffed into the meter.

HUNTERS: According to a belated hunting story, three Bellefonte men innocently fell afoul of a hunting law about which most hunters are in total ignorance. The three men, Paul R. Emerick, John Gillen and Sam Conifer, were returning home from an unsuccessful day in the woods and while walking through a wooded field, decided to match their marksmanship for the dinner. Accordingly they set a matchstick in a fence post, walked back a short distance, and began to blaze away. Presently Game Warden Thomas Mosier of Bellefonte, appeared on the scene, and amazed the three hunters by fining each of them \$10. The charge: Violation of a State law prohibiting the shooting of mark in the woods.

SEWER: Walking along South Water street from High street to the Spring on a rainy day is like taking a trip through a Paris sewer. Because of

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Happy New Year

The good old American greeting in the good old Yankee way: . . . GOOD HEALTH, GOOD CHEER . . . GOOD LUCK AND HAPPINESS throughout the coming year!

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