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MILK OF KINDNESS Mrs. Jennie Conner retired recently after five years of courteous service as operator of a municipal building elevator at Gettysburg City and her fellow employes presented her with: A milk cow named Jennie. A big chain to fasten the cow, and a heavy stake. A milk bucket, a milking stool. A feed box, and 26 one-dollar bills to buy feed for the cow. Occasionally during her five years of courteous service Mrs. Conner had expressed a desire to retire some day to her suburban home, where she might have a cow.

HE'S BEEN AROUND One of the Navy's new, speedy landing boats drew alongside a cruiser, anchored in a harbor. High waves tossed the boat perilously close to the ship. "Hey," shouted the officers lieutenant, "are you qualified to handle that boat?" "I landed it four or five times on Guadalcanal and Tulagi," shot back the coxswain.

WILD HORSE Columbia County may not have cowboys or two-gun outlaws, but it does have a "wild horse" as Franklin township farmers can tell you. The horse, a bay mare, is believed to be one that escaped from a horse dealer a month or more ago. All attempts to rope it have failed.

WHO WAS SURPRISED? En route to his mother's home twenty-five miles away, to pay her a "surprise" visit, P. A. Rounds, of Brazil, Ind., collided with another automobile. It was his mother, who had decided to pay him a "surprise" visit.

A REVENUEOER George Campbell, of Vinita, Okla., says he saw a great chewing off the last corner of a 55 windshield tax sticker from a car parked in a vacant lot. And that, says George, really made it an internal revenue collection.

AARONSBURG COUPLE INJURED IN AUTO CRASH When their car skidded during a blinding snowstorm on Christmas night on their way from Bellefonte to Aaronsburg, Mr. and Mrs. J. Hall Crouse of Aaronsburg suffered slight injuries as their car left the highway and crashed into a telephone pole. Mrs. Crouse was thrown out of the car and Mr. Crouse against the steering wheel. Slight damage resulted to the car. Mr. and Mrs. Crouse were returning home after spending Christmas day with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Vonada, of Bellefonte.

CHANGES IN OFFICE HOURS OF SOCIAL SECURITY BOARD The Bureau of Old-Age and Survivors Insurance of the Social Security Board, located in Room 307 Postoffice Building, Williamsport, now maintains service to the public daily from 8:30 a. m. to 5 p. m. except Sunday. This was announced today by Paul W. Holmberg, acting manager.

Announcement of Engagement Announcement was made Christmas Day of the engagement of Miss Virginia Beaty, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Beaty of Blanchard, to Pvt. Paul R. Glenn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn of Howard, R. D. Miss Beaty is employed by the Sylvania Electric Products, Inc. at Mill Hill, and Pvt. Glenn was employed by the Universal Match Company at Bellefonte before his induction into the U. S. Army on December 29. No date has been set for the wedding.

We would be perfectly willing for the government to ration spinach.

Loganton R.D. Youth Found Near His Home with Bullet Hole Through Forehead

Believed to Have Been Accident, as Victim Had No Apparent Reason for Taking Own Life; Died in Lock Haven Hospital

An odd accident—how it happened will probably never be known—resulted in the death of 19-year-old Ray Tyson near his home at Loganton, R. D., Friday evening, relatives of the Lock Haven Express. He was found shot through the forehead. Although it had some appearance of suicide, the death was entirely accidental, Clinton county officials and relatives feel. Sheriff D. Edward Grenoble and Corp. Neil J. Gallagher, of the Motor Police, immediately saw Tyson at the shooting and saw Tyson at the Lock Haven Hospital about 9 p. m. He died about 11 p. m. at the hospital reported. He had been found near a wooded area, not far from his home, by his sister, Carrie, about 5 o'clock, the sheriff said. Tyson, of course, was not conscious and thus could not be questioned. Inasmuch as the boy had not been sick and had no worries, according to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Tyson, there was no incentive to commit suicide. He had been in high spirits, they said, before he left the house to visit his trap line. He took along a .22-caliber rifle. Clinton County Coroner W. J. Shoemaker said that he might have been shot as he crawled through a fence.

Hurled Off Bridge Coaster Fatally After Hit by Train

Jersey Shore Man's Body Discovered Along Pine Creek Shore

The body of James Arthur Bobet, 40, of Jersey Shore, was found late Saturday morning along Pine Creek. He was struck by a southbound New York Central freight train at 2:40 p. m. Thursday on the Torbert railroad bridge near Camp Kiene, along Pine Creek. Bobet, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Bobet, Trenton, N. J., was on his way to work at the farm of John Breining. He was pushing his bicycle across the bridge and was about two-thirds of the way across when the train, rounding a curve approach to the bridge, struck him. Trainmen said they saw his body fall into the flood-walled creek. Breining, but it was not found until Saturday morning, when it was noticed lying on the bank in front of the cabin of Clyde E. Carpenter, of Jersey Shore, about 300 yards from the railroad bridge. His bicycle, clothing and wallet, containing his registration card and other identification papers, were found a short way from the bridge along the track. The train crew said that the fireman had seen the man before he was struck, but that it was impossible to stop.

\$50,000 Fire Loss Fire during the flood last Wednesday afternoon at Clearfield caused a loss of \$50,000 when the stores, stock and fixtures of the Lodi's Shapiro and the Dean Phipps stores were practically a total loss, and the Shapiro building which housed them was badly damaged.

Announces Engagement Mrs. Thomas Koleno, of Clarence, has announced the engagement of her daughter, Miss Agnes Koleno, to Michael Donovan, son of Mrs. J. E. Donovan, of Lock Haven.

Our Schedule for the Year: A calendar for 1943 with a drawing of a soldier and a sign that says 'FIGHT OR WORK FOR VICTORY'. The calendar shows January 1943 starting on a Friday.

Severed Power Line; Blackout Moshannon Valley Residents Endure 4 Hours Enforced Darkness

When a power shovel, said to belong to K. M. Quiggle of Phillipsburg, accidentally snapped the 22,000 volt electric line supplying homes between Phillipsburg and Ramey Monday evening of last week, 12,000 or more residents were precipitated into an impromptu blackout. The power went dead before 6 o'clock and dinner which had been started on electric ranges remained uncooked. Persons listening to radio programs had the music fade away and they sat around waiting for the current to come back but after hours of waiting many of them gave up the vigil and went to bed. Men who were "next" were better off than those who were in barber chairs with their hair half cut.

Others hunted up all sorts of old lamps, some of which hadn't been used for a score of years, and candles and dim kerosene lamps flickered in many of the homes. It was nearly 10 o'clock before line crews of the Pennsylvania Electric Company had power restored and by that time many of the residents didn't know if they were in need of out. During this time, area mining operations and other industries were closed down.

Resident of Chester Hill, Osceola Mills, Bristol, Houtzdale, Ramey, and residents of parts of Deontar, Woodward, Bigler, Gulch and Becaria townships, including the Tyrone Pike area, Gearhartville, Edendale, Newtown, Morannon, Ginter, Janesville, Madera and intermediate points were cut off.

The break occurred on the other side of Osceola Mills. The shoveler, which caused the break is used on a coal stripping project.

HITLER REPEATS CRY GERMANY WON'T FALL Adolf Hitler in his fourth wartime New Year's message to the German people Friday repeated his theme that Germany would not collapse nor capitulate—and that in the end she would prove victorious.

In a special proclamation broadcast by the Berlin radio, Hitler again discussed some of his favorite hates—International Jewry, President Roosevelt, and the national oppressors of a peace-loving Germany. He had nothing to say about the Russian campaign, nor Rommel's flight in Libya, nor the Allied offensive in North Africa.

St. Mary's Casualties In the casualty list of the Navy listed last week are two from St. Mary's. They are Richard Lavern Buchert, boatswain's mate, second class, and Frank Buchert. The other is Richard Louisian Demboski, storekeeper first class, whose next of kin is his wife, Mrs. Rachel F. Demboski.

Berwick Sailor Cited One of six officers and men of a U. S. submarine, cited for special bravery was First Class Motor Mechanic's Mate Harry E. Michael, of Berwick. The citation states that he accompanied repairs without regard to danger of personal injury. The decoration was awarded at a base at New London, Conn.

Kane First Class Postoffice The Kane Postoffice listed receipts for 1942 over the \$46,000 mark, which automatically places it in the first class rating. Postmaster Robert E. Holland has announced. The year's receipts were \$46,242.51, while the receipts necessary for the first class rating are \$44,000.

A LIMIT ON TIME PACKED GAME MEAT CAN BE KEPT

Pennsylvanians who came or cold packed game meat brought home this year by the hunter in the family are warned by the game commission that state law restricts the length of time such food may be kept. Beth Gordon, commission director, cited the law in answer to requests from many residents on canning small and big game for use in the current meat shortage. He pointed out such small game as rabbits, squirrels, pheasants and turkeys may not be stored more than 60 days after the season closes. No extension is permissible under the law. Fresh of big game, like bear and deer, may be kept 90 days with a \$1 permit authorizing retention for another four months. Under that law deer meat taken during the season ended Dec. 12 may be kept until June 15 if the special permit is obtained.

Jones Rumored For Police Post

Governor-elect Edward Martin, queried Monday night at Philadelphia about reports that he would appoint Colonel Ben C. Jones, Tyrone attorney, publisher, and commander of the 119th infantry, 28th division, as head of the Pennsylvania State Police, replacing Lynn G. Adams, replied, "I have heard about that report, but I have nothing along those lines in mind at present. I wouldn't say it won't come up for consideration, though."

Robert C. Swope Dies in Airplane Crash Near Jackson, Tenn. Aviation Cadet Robert Charles Swope, son of Gayton W. and Ruth (Gutshall) Swope, of Juniata, was killed in an airplane crash eight miles from Jackson, Tenn. Friday morning. The young cadet was on a routine flight when the accident occurred.

Fire Destroys Mill Fire of unknown origin destroyed the mill at Schuyler, near Turbotville, Northumberland county, owned and operated by Murray F. Herr. Turbotville firemen used water supply in a nearby cistern to save the powerhouse and warehouse. Nothing in the mill was saved but a small portion of the office equipment. The mill served a large section, including Milton, Lewisburg and Muncy. The loss will run into thousands of dollars.

New Highway Head J. G. Peck, of Lock Haven, has assumed the duties as superintendent of highways in Elk county, succeeding C. H. Carlson, who has returned to Smethport as superintendent of highways of McKean county. Mr. Peck who has been head of highways in Clinton county, will have headquarters in St. Mary's.

Engagement Announced Mr. and Mrs. Orris Dingley, of Kyrletown, announce the engagement of their daughter, Gladys Eleanor, of Rochester, N. Y., to Harold H. Martz of Pittsburgh, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward C. Martz, of Pine Grove Mills. Miss Dingley is a graduate of Cooper Township High School, class of 1937, and is now employed by Rochester Gas and Electric Corporation. Mr. Martz attended Merceburg Academy and is a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh, class of 1940. He is now employed as factory representative of the B. C. Remedy Company, manufacturing pharmaceuticals. No date has been set for the wedding.

The use of college by the Army and Navy is all right, if they are needed for training men for the war, and it is encouraging to note that officials assert that an effort will be made to take care of the smaller colleges without independent means of support.

Read the Classified ads.

Events of Nittany Valley Early Iron Industry Told By Clinton Co. Historian

Describes Method of Transporting Ore by Four or Six-Mule Teams; Tells How Charcoal Pits Were Prepared

Some interesting history of the early iron industry in Nittany Valley is related by Historian George H. Goble and published by Col. Henry W. Shoemaker in his "Morning Comment" column in the Altoona Tribune. We reproduce the article by permission of Mr. Shoemaker. Says veteran Historian George H. Goble "Owing to your very evident interest in 'Old Folk Tales of Nittany Valley' may I add a few more details concerning the manufacturing of the iron-ore mined in Centre and Clinton counties. "As I said before it was transported by four or six mule teams in huge Conestoga-type wagons to Washington Furnace in Clinton county, located along Nittany mountain, and at the entrance to storied Colby's Gap, which leads to beautiful Sugar Valley; Cherry Run, at the mouth of which the Colby family were foully murdered in 1887, flows into Fishing Creek in this gap, and in those days was impounded in a huge earthwork dam from which the furnace derived its needs. "History points out that the industry was founded in 1808 by William Beaty and John Dunlop, changing hands intermittently on down through the years, including 1855-1856 when Maria Christina, queen regent of Spain, bought it through her financial advisors, Christopher and John Fallon, Spaniards of Irish origin, domiciled in Philadelphia, for whom the picturesque 'Fallon House,' now called 'Hotel Fallon,' in Lock Haven, was named. "These well-fixed magnates tore down and rebuilt the plant entirely of brick and stone, adding many improvements including a tram road up through the mountains for transporting charcoal to be used in the furnaces. "Those days, and during my boyhood," Historian Goble went on, "charcoal was made by cutting wood in 18 to 24 inch lengths, split into convenient pieces and stacked on end in huge pyramid-shaped mounds. These were covered with earth and set on fire, through air vents in the center. "A slow smudgy fire maintained so as not to consume the wood entirely and when the wood had become properly charred, and all gas consumed, the fire was put out with water or other means, and left to cool somewhat, then hauled to the furnaces. "Before tramroad into the mountains was built, the charcoal was delivered to the stacks by immense (Continued on page five)

Yard Conductor Critically Hurt Fatally Injured When Hit by Car

Run Over By Car While Lying Unconscious on Altoona Street

John Gay, 56-year-old Pennsylvania railroad yard conductor of Altoona, died of a broken neck and fractured skull about 4:30 o'clock Friday morning when he was run over by an automobile as he lay unconscious in the street at Seventh and Third streets. Driver of the automobile which is alleged to have run over the body of Gay, was reported to be Frank C. Hill of Altoona. Hill told police that the coroner he did not see the prostrate form of the man in the street until he was a few feet distant from him. A police investigation disclosed that Hill had been following a car driven by Patrick Cuzolino, who saw the man lying on the street when a short distance away and swerved the car to the right, narrowly escaping hitting the man. Hill, it was reported, unaware of the reason for the Cuzolino automobile swerving, continued straight ahead and in a moment had struck Gay who was lying in the street. It was learned that Gay had not been on duty the night before, if his relief day. He had gone to town and is reported to have been returning home when he met with the accident. Deceased is survived by his second wife, Mrs. Nettie Ulrich Gay; one son, his mother and two sisters.

Notice to Retailers

Retailers whose business establishments are located in any of the fourteen counties served by the Williamsport district office are requested not to file their supplementary maximum price lists on newly offered cost-of-living commodities with the Philadelphia office, even though their previous price lists were filed with that office. Such price lists as were heretofore filed with the Philadelphia Office have already been retransmitted to the Williamsport office. Sellers must file such price lists, as well as the reports required under the services regulation (MPR 165), with their nearest war price and rationing board, or the Williamsport district office, 331 Pine street, if the Board indicates that it is not sufficiently staffed and equipped to handle the filing. The counties served by the Williamsport district office are: Bradford, Cameron, Centre, Clinton, Elk, Lycoming, McKean, Montour, Northumberland, Potter, Snyder, Sullivan, Tioga and Union.

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Q. At what age under ordinary conditions will Red Delicious and Cortland apples begin to bear?

A. Usually they have few apples at three or four years of age and get into fairly good bearing at six to eight years.

Q. Can pigs and chickens be housed together?

A. So far as I can recall, there are no serious diseases common to both. You may safely house them together.

Q. With the price of day-old chicks at \$16 per hundred, mash at \$3 per hundred pounds and cracked corn at \$2.50, what would one hundred chicks cost up to six months of age?

A. About \$1.25 to \$1.50 apiece. That will vary a little depending on the number of cockerels sold and what you get for them, and the loss from disease and a few other factors.

Q. Would small potatoes boiled and mashed with wheat bran and a little corn meal make a suitable feed for laying hens with other grains?

A. No. Potatoes are not good feed for hens, either raw or cooked, because they are too starchy and bulky. A hen has a small digestive tract, and it is not good practice to fill the hen up with bulky food of low value. Cows will eat a few chopped-up potatoes, but the best use for cull potatoes is to cook them and mix the grain and use to feed pigs.

EASTERN WAR TIME: It may be 8 a. m. to the rest of you people, but it still seems like the middle of the night to us.

STOOGE: For some reason or other the lyrics of the song, "I Came Here to Talk for Joe," irritate this department. Joe may be an alright enough fellow, but his plea that he didn't have a chance to write never seemed to be a particularly impressive plea. We rather think Joe is one of those guys who always gets someone else to do his talking for him. Maybe that's a good idea, but obviously, it can be carried too far. There's always the danger that the gal might say "The heck with Joe! Let's talk about US!"

GARBAGE: State College Council is instituting new reduced rates for its municipal garbage collection system. For an ordinary family the rate is \$1.50 quarterly, or \$5.50 a year, if paid in advance. Collections will be made twice a week during the remaining six months. Wonder how this sounds to Bellefonte residents?

TOUGH JOB: One of the toughest jobs in war time, we find, was to work up the proper letter while listening to the New Year's Day football game over the radio. Somehow or other we kept wishing the announcer would quit talking about first downs and tell us how the boys were doing in the Solomons.

SCRUPLES: Wonder if the Amish people have any religious scruples against vaccination for smallpox? This nation was founded on the pledge that all persons may worship as they see fit, but scruples or no scruples we hope our State Legislators have the gumption to pass whatever laws necessary to require all children, regardless of creed or color, to undergo smallpox vaccination for smallpox. This nation was founded on the pledge that all persons may worship as they see fit, but scruples or no scruples we hope our State Legislators have the gumption to pass whatever laws necessary to require all children, regardless of creed or color, to undergo smallpox vaccination for smallpox.

NOISE: It's about time for Council to dust off the radio interference law which has been moldering on a shelf for some time. During the weekend radio interference seemed to increase by leaps and bounds. Here and there in the oil-less wilds of Bellefonte an oil burner would blast programs clear off the dial. In the business section residents report horrendous noises supposedly from defective neon lights. As a starter we're able to report that one hotel about a mile east, passing on and around the town of Altoona, had radio sets in that were scattered around on their bases. This department hasn't the faintest hope that Council will do anything effective in controlling noise, but maybe we can stir up a discussion which will serve to get individuals to do their own policing.

UNEXPENDABLES: A Bellefonte Civilian Defense official yesterday rode the range on some of Bellefonte's professional people for their apparent lack of interest in helping out with Civilian Defense work. He declared that some Bellefonte ministers, lawyers, and some in the other professions show a decided shyness toward serving tricks on various types of defense watches. Since volunteers for "black box" and aircraft spotting service are needed in great numbers since those two services are probably the most important ones in the (Continued on Page 4)

FARM QUESTION BOX by ED W. MITCHELL Farm Advisor General Electric Station WGY. Includes a list of questions and answers related to farming, such as 'Q. At what age under ordinary conditions will Red Delicious and Cortland apples begin to bear?' and 'Q. Is a county agent a person employed by an organization of farmers, and, if so, what organization?'.

A MESSAGE FROM MAJOR EDWARD BOWES. The purchase of War Bonds and Stamps is the all-important link between us as individuals and our own country. Captain Colin Kelly's plane and Lieut. J. S. Doherty's plane were manufactured and bought by War Bonds. The guns and tanks with which we will conquer is our responsibility. Let's buy them! Heroes will see them! Let's buy them! Heroes will see them! Let's buy them! Heroes will see them!