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PRELUDE TO SPRING When police officer Joseph E. Shultz saw a short-sleeved bicyclist appear out of the snow storm at Danville, he thought he was dreaming.

PIONEER They blamed this one on the gasoline shortage, too. Joseph Anello, 11, and Dominic Parrillo, 12, of Newark, N. J., started out for Texas because, they told police, they had heard the horse was coming back and "Texas is the best place to learn to ride horses."

FUSS OVER FIG R. J. Thomas, of Hillsboro, Texas, advertised in the Hillsboro Mirror for a lost pig. A man telephoned that he had found the animal. Thomas, roused from bed, was so sleepy he forgot the man's name and address. Now Thomas has to insert another ad asking the person who telephoned to call again.

"LOVE" IN ACTION When informed that the total debt on his church, the North Hill Church of Christ, at Akron, Ohio, was \$17,500, Capt. Charles Jenkins, home on furlough from Fort Knox, Ky., signed a check for the entire \$17,500 debt, with the statement "I love my church and so does my wife."

HIS FLOCK A poultry shower honored the Rev. and Mrs. Lelan Atkins at their parsonage home in Gallatin, Mo. Each couple brought a live pullet.

Announcer Dies The man who for ten years has announced in a deep bass voice to joint sessions of Congress—"The President of the United States"—died Thursday after a fall down a stairway in the capitol. Joseph J. Sinnott, 82, was the oldest Congressional attaché. He had witnessed every opening of Congress for over 56 years.

To Serve as WAAC Miss Josephine L. Madera, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Madera of St. Marys, has been enlisted in the WAACs, and in several weeks will be called for active duty. Miss Madera, a teacher, was a van driver for the American Church in Kamloops, British Columbia.

Is Jap Prisoner. Listed as missing in action since the fall of Corregidor, Sgt. Ralph Mertz, of Sunbury, Japanese as a prisoner of war, according to an official War Department message received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Rex Mertz.

CENTRE COUNTY WOMAN MAKES GARDEN RECORD

The Farm Security Administration today disclosed how Mrs. Ray C. Ishler invested \$135.00 in a three-four acre garden last year and gained \$196.02 worth of produce. "Most families cooperating with FSA did a fine gardening job," commented Dorothy F. Dore, home management supervisor. "With Food shortages looming, any number of families in Centre County will do well to emulate them."

21 New Cars and Trucks, 2 Buildings Destroyed In Mill Hall Conflagration

Quarter Million Dollar Estimated Loss In Fire Which Swept Valley Oil And Gas Company Plant at Mill Hall

Loss estimated at \$125,000 resulted last Wednesday night when two buildings and a garage at Mill Hall were destroyed by fire and other buildings were damaged. The building of the Valley Oil and Gas Company, located on Pennsylvania avenue—at the eastern entrance to the new highway to Mill Hall, went up in flames, as well as the Samuel Sheasley home adjoining it and the garage and portion of the home of A. N. Wolfe.

Lycoming Jurist Fatally Stricken

Dies in Hospital Soon After Collapsing in Snow-drift

Judge Samuel H. Humes, 42, died in the Williamsport hospital, last Thursday night after he had been found two hours earlier in a snowdrift 50 feet from the Sheridan School where he had been scheduled to speak. His automobile was parked two blocks away.

Conductor Seeks \$50,000 Damages

Clearfield Railroader Claims He Received Permanent Injuries

Arthur W. Koller, of Clearfield county, is seeking \$50,000 damages in the Pittsburgh Common Pleas court from the Pennsylvania railroad for injuries received on June 25, 1941, when a PRR freight and a New York Central freight collided near Remov.

Soldier Hurt in Crash

Sgt. Harry Davey, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Davey, of Morrisdale, E. J., was taken to the Clearfield Hospital, Tuesday evening of last week after the car he was operating hit a parked car on Second street in Clearfield. Both cars were badly damaged. Davey is suffering from face lacerations and possible chest injuries. Davey was home on furlough from the U. S. Army.

Have Narrow Escape

Mrs. Louise Promma and daughter, Donna, aged 4, managed to reach the first floor of their burning home in Watsontown Thursday morning, but had a narrow escape from being suffocated by smoke. Firemen broke open a door to reach them and lead them to safety. The damage to the home is only about \$50. It is believed that hot ashes from the furnace set fire to a pile of waste paper in the basement.

Red Cross Always on the Job

Mothers, if your son is serving his country in uniform or as a merchant seaman, the Red Cross is ready to serve him. No matter how slight his needs, even if it's just to get a letter from home, the Red Cross will try to help. Tell your son about it. Or if you haven't heard from him in the past three months let your Red Cross Chapter know the circumstances—they might be able to help.

Youth Loses Sight of Eye

Donald D. Spangler, 11, son of William L. Spangler, of Blanchard, has apparently lost the sight of his right eye as the result of a sled-riding accident Saturday. He was admitted to the Lock Haven Hospital where he is undergoing surgical treatment.

A Couple Ground Hogs See Shadows



Centre Hall Man To Head Loans

R. M. Zeigler Appointed Representative of New Credit Program in County

R. M. Zeigler, of Centre Hall, has been appointed by the Centre County USDA War Board as county loan representative in connection with the new credit program recently announced by Secretary of Agriculture Wickard to help farmers increase production in 1943.

Three Injured When Car Wrecks

Auto Containing Glen Campbell Residents Goes Over Embankment

Three residents of Glenn Campbell were admitted to the Centre County Hospital, Saturday, to undergo treatment for injuries received when their car ran over a ten-foot embankment one-half mile west of Howard, early this morning.

Seeking Volunteers for Girl Scout Leaders' Course

A Leaders Training Course under the direction of Mrs. Frank Hensch is in progress each Wednesday evening at 7:30 p. m. and will continue at least six more weeks. Any one interested is urged to attend.

No Rise in Cream Prices

Word from Harrisburg yesterday changed instructions regarding the increase in cream prices. Although cream was originally listed by the State Milk Control Commission to jump ten cents a quart, authorities have notified dairymen that the price will stay at 52 cents per quart, 28 cents per pint, and 16 cents per half pint. Cream, light 19 per cent, was scheduled to have jumped 62 cents per quart, 33 cents per pint, and 18 cents per half pint. Butter-milk, which was scheduled to jump from 10 to 15 cents a quart, was pegged at 12 cents. The new 14 cents per quart price for milk became effective Monday.

Thinking of Future

Surrounded by tanks, guns, planes and still a few Japs—a United States Marine on Guadalcanal still thinks about his education after the war. Tom Hamilton, a Western Pennsylvania, has written Pennsylvania State College, asking about possibilities for future education. College officials have assured him that plans are already being made to see that men in America's armament may continue their education after the war—right where they left off.

To Rent CCC Camps

All buildings of the abandoned Cameron County CCC Camps have been turned back to the State Forestry Department, and have been placed on the rental market. Five barracks buildings and a number of smaller structures are included.

Navy Veteran Claims Battles Ease the Monotony of Cruising

(Cont. from page 1, first section) Japanese fleet came on March 1 in Ball Straits. Commander Parker described this as a minor tiff. Shortly after that time he was sent to Australia and from there to the United States. After a brief time spent in this country he returned on October 26, in the battle of Santa Cruz—the engagement in which the aircraft carrier "Hornet" was sunk. Parker saw the Hornet just after it received its first hit. On November 12 the Bellefonte man aided in the defense of a convoy against an attack by Japanese torpedo planes. The attack was a total failure on the part of the Japs, for not a ship was lost, he related. The following day Commander Parker's ship participated in the third battle of Savo Island—off Guadalcanal—a battle which the Commander later described to newspapermen in Pearl Harbor as "a gigantic barroom brawl with all lights up and everybody swinging." In the pertaining to that engagement Commander Parker maneuvered his and effective in crippling the Japanese destroyer, though it was almost dead in the water, into post-al dispatches and in the Navy column to fire six torpedoes, three of which smashed into a Jap battleship in recognition of his services.

Father Is Awarded \$5,880 Damages For Death of Son In Automobile Accident

Clinton County Jury of 11 Women and 1 Man Decides in Favor of Mahlon L. McCloskey Against Cooper Transfer Company

The civil case of Mahlon L. McCloskey, of Marsh Creek, against the Cooper Transfer Company, for the death of the former's son last June, came to an end in the Clinton county court at Lock Haven on Friday afternoon when the jury delivered two verdicts in favor of the plaintiff, totaling \$5,880. The amount of damages sought at the beginning of the trial was \$45,000.

Immediately after reading of the verdict, Henry M. Hipple, counsel for the Transfer Company, asked permission of the court and was granted, four days in which to file a motion for a new trial.

Ill Health Leads To Man's Suicide

Ford Brillhart, Clinton County, Dies of Self-Inflicted Wound

Ford Blanchard Brillhart, 60, who had been in ill health a number of years died of what Dr. W. J. Shoemaker, Clinton County Coroner, said was a self-inflicted gunshot wound Friday afternoon at the home of his sister, Mrs. James Smith, with whom he resided in Upper Lockport. Members of his family found him in his bedroom when they returned home late in the afternoon. He had been discharged from the Lock Haven Hospital Wednesday.

Sandy Ridge Boy Wins Army Wings

Harold Swope Commissioned 2nd Lieutenant at Ceremony

Harold Swope, of Sandy Ridge, was commissioned a Second Lieutenant and awarded pilot's wings in the Army Air Corps recently at Craig Field, Ala.

Bread Cutting Casualty

Mrs. J. Richard Swope, of near Sunbury, nearly severed a finger on her left hand, while slicing a loaf of bread.

New Ration Books Being Printed

War Ration Book No. 3 is ready for printing but what it will be used for no one knows as yet. Book No. 2, first of the point rationing books, will be distributed this month and used for canned goods and meats and possibly some other foods, such as butter and canned milk. The Office of Price Administration said Book No. 3 was prepared well ahead of time because of the tremendous job of printing 150,000,000 copies, the number required for the first two books.

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Read the Classified Ads for bargains.

CAFETERIA:

The prices charged in the Bellefonte High School cafeteria recently underwent sharp revision downward, so that a warm lunch is now within reach of a much larger number of pupils than was the case formerly. The reduction in price was made possible because the school at no cost now is receiving foods from the government through the Surplus Commodity Agency. Because of this fact the cafeteria is being operated exclusively for school pupils. Under the new schedule it is possible to obtain a nourishing luncheon for from 10 to 20 cents.

Here is the new price list:

- Scalloped potatoes, 5c. Buttered Red Beans, 5c. Cream of Tomato Soup, 5c. Cole Slaw, 5c. Pear Salad, 5c. Plain Sandwich, 3c. Cheese Sandwich, 3c. Ham Sandwich, 5c. Fruit Cup, 5c. Grapefruit, 5c. Chocolate Pudding, 2c.

Trout:

Big Charlie McClellan, of Bellefonte, employed in the Treasurer's Department at Harrisburg, was a witness in civil case in Pottsville recently. He was on the stand and while he was presenting his testimony an attorney asked: "Where is your home?" When Charlie answered the question the judge leaned over the bench and in sotto voice asked: "Bellefonte, eh? How're they bitin'?"

NICE GESTURE:

The Undine Fire Company isn't stingy with its publication, "Undine News" published in behalf of members in the Armed Forces. On the regular mailing list of the publication are the names of at least 26 Logan Fire Company members in service who no doubt get as much enjoyment from the newsy little paper as do Undine members.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Have you noticed the town's Privileged Character who sails smack through stop signs and red traffic lights just as though they don't exist? He doesn't violate the signs only once in a while—but habitually. . . . Have you heard the story of the Two Dogs and the Rabbit? How one family couldn't find a way to take their aging Pido to a State College veterinarian, and how another family got gasoline to take their Towser to a veterinarian in a much more distant city? Under rationing rules you're entitled to gasoline to take dogs to a veterinarian.

ABE LINCOLN HITE:

What with Lincoln's birthday just around the corner, Centre County's 1943 version of The Great Emancipator is coming into the limelight. Abraham Lincoln Garber Hite, of Peru, near Rockview, not only carries Lincoln's name but when he dons a beard and wig he has a marked resemblance to his namesake. To add to the resemblance, Abe Lincoln Hite uses a small lump of actor's clay to copy the prominent nose into the limelight.

Air Raid Tests Cancelled

All blackout and daylight air raid tests in Pennsylvania have been halted until further notice by the State Defense Council.

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Mrs. J. Richard Swope, of near Sunbury, nearly severed a finger on her left hand, while slicing a loaf of bread.

FARM QUESTION BOX

by ED W. MITCHELL, Farm Advisor, General Electric Station WGY

- Q. How can I waterproof cotton cloth so it can be used as a light canvas to protect various things on the farm? A. The cheapest and most practical method is to dip it in linseed oil and hang it up to drain as dry as possible. This makes a fairly waterproof cloth but it sticks, greasy to handle, and it punctures, cuts and tears easily. So try a small piece before you make any large covers. Q. When transplanting strawberries will I get better results if taken from an old bed or a new one? A. It makes no difference as long as you take only the new plants just starting from the runners. Do not transplant old crowns or runner plants that are either stunted or overized. Q. Will burning over a pasture where sheep and goats graze every summer eliminate worms? A. Heat from such a fire is not sufficient to kill many worms but instead will injure the grass roots. Burning grass is not a good practice in spite of the fresh, clean, green appearance of the field after the operation. Q. How can poultry be marked so as to be identified if thieves get them? A. Tattoo the web of the wing with an inexpensive machine. The process is simple and harmless but permanent, and in most areas one may register his mark with the State Troopers in that area.