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'Greatest Baseball Hitter That Ever Lived' Started Career at Academy Here

Interesting Life Story of Man Who Won Baseball Fame and a Professional Career Through Headmaster's Generosity

A recent article by Tom Hopkins of the Pittsburgh Sun-Telegraph staff, is of interest to many Bellefonte residents because its subject, Phil Dillon, was the first student ever helped through the Bellefonte Academy by an athletic scholarship.

Titan Parts Help In U. S. Victory

Bellefonte Plant Contributing to Success of Air Campaign

Airplane parts made at the Titan Metal Plant in Bellefonte went into the building of Bell Aircrafts which scored sensational successes during the Guadalcanal campaign.

General Echols, in a wire to the Titan Metal employees, revealed that Army Air Force pilots scored 28 out of 40 bomb hits in one raid alone on Jap installations on the island.

In that attack, General Echols said, tracers from enemy anti-aircraft guns stood out like solid streaks of flame but the aircrafts, roaring down at more than 400 miles an hour, presented difficult targets.

ODD AND CURIOUS

KEEPS PLEDGE
Alvah Schaeffer, of Reading, at 77, kept his annual tryst with the spirit of Tom Hammahe last Wednesday night.

North Philipsburg Soldier Captive
Father Gets Letter From Son Few Hours Before Learning News

Just a few hours after receiving a letter from his son in North Africa, John Gallo of North Philipsburg was advised by the War Department that the son, Paul B. Gallo, was "missing in action."

Butter Riot
Grocer E. R. Kregar, of Wilkensburg, almost started a riot when he offered his entire week's allotment of 2,100 pounds of butter one day last week to "first comers."

750 PAIRS HOSE
For 23 years Mrs. Margaret M. Stahl, 67, of Sunbury, has been saving silk stockings with the intention some day of knitting them into a rug.

Sunday Was Fifth Anniversary Of "Last Raft" River Tragedy
Last Sunday marked the fifth anniversary of a grim tragedy on the Susquehanna River, near Williamsport.

Company Warned
The National Labor Relations Board ordered Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company to cease and desist from dominating or interfering with the organization of the Defense Workers Protective Association at the company's Sunbury plant.

Awarded Air Medal
The War Department announced that among those receiving air medals for participating in five sorties against the enemy in North Africa was First Lieut. Theodore Van Kirk, of Northumberland.

License Suspended
The Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board announced from Harrisburg, the suspension from March 25, of the license of Paul S. Grieco, Clinton Hotel, Lock Haven, for 15 days.

Good Riddance



LETTER FROM FLORIDA TELLS OF SOLDIER TRAINING IN SOUTH

"Since so many of our county boys are in service training in the South," writes Mrs. Myrtle Magargel from St. Petersburg, Florida, "it occurred to me that you and your readers may be interested in knowing something about the way their training is carried on in this city."

Mrs. Magargel, of Pleasant Gap, who is sojourning with her husband in Florida, continues her observations of Uncle Sam's war training, in the following interesting letter:

"First, though, the number here is less than in Miami. That place is covered with an estimate of 75,000 men. A friend of mine who lives there says all the Beach hotels and all the restaurants have been taken over by the Army."

"St. Petersburg now has two locations of soldier population, viz: the city proper where most of the big hotels are occupied, plus four or five of the large restaurants, and a second area near the Jungle in the northeast section of the city. There are more than 1000 men housed in tents at that sector. It is known as 'Tent City.' The exact number of men downtown is estimated at any-

where from 15,000 to 30,000. Authorities won't give out figures. "As I write now, 12:45 p. m., a squad of 100 or more are marching past singing. At least four such companies pass the house four times daily, going for military training towards one of the vacant fields off Fourth street. They go at 8 a. m. and are back for dinner-out again at 1 p. m. and back again for supper at about 4:30. Usually in fatigue uniforms, sometimes with guns, but not always; but invariably carrying gas masks.

"All over the city at the same hours, long lines of similarly accoutred men are marching. Their training grounds are vacant lots or the nearby beaches. Every hotel where they are quartered is guarded by pacing sentries, who stop civilian cars that would enter their driveways.

"This training includes a great deal of calisthenic exercises. The leader stands on a platform and his outfit of 50 or more follows his motions. The men are stripped to the waist while exercising, but when the leader shouts 'halt' they all put on their pants and shoes.

P. R. R. Engineer Takes Own Life

Holidaysburg Railroader Is Found Dead in Barn of Bullet Wound

Roy Thomas McKinstry, 58, a locomotive engineer in the P. R. R. yards at Altoona, was found dead Saturday afternoon of a bullet wound, in a barn on his farm at Holidaysburg, R. D. 1. A .32-caliber revolver was in his hand. The death was pronounced a suicide by the Blair county coroner.

McKinstry was last seen around the house shortly before 11 o'clock, or shortly after he had been to Holidaysburg to do some shopping. It was reported that he had been despondent for some time and had just sold his farm in February. His body was discovered by Theodore Bloom, who works on the farm, when he went to the barn to feed a cow.

Roy McKinstry was born September 27, 1884, at Ryde, Mifflin county, the son of Thomas and Belle (Baird) McKinstry.

He is survived by a daughter, Theima, at home; a son, Leroy, at home; one sister, Miss Carrie McKinstry, of Ryde; four brothers, C. H. of Wilmerding; D. J. of Juniata; C. J. of Ryde, and J. A. of Brilliant, Ohio.

He was a locomotive engineer in the P. R. R. yards in Altoona. Mr. McKinstry was a member of the Brotherhood of Firemen and Engineers, also the P. R. R. relief.

An Army march upon its stomach but the young lady who picks the stage for her life must depend upon her legs to carry her along.

Old-Time Hunter Describes Thrilling Encounters With Feroocious Wildcats

Few persons living today have seen a live Pennsylvania lion or panther in a wild state, let alone shooting and wounding one, comments Henry W. Shoemaker in a recent issue of his daily Altoona newspaper column. Such was the rare privilege of R. H. Lucas, Burgess of our neighboring borough of Clearfield.

Mr. Lucas writes: "I have read the letters about panthers in the Pennsylvania Game News, edited by Leo Luttringer, Jr. I was very much interested in this controversy started by Mr. Lobs, Jr. of Germantown. I am fortunate enough to have Linn's History of Centre county, there is a story on page 422. Samuel Askey, the subject of the article, killed 64 panthers and 98 wolves near Snow Shoe, many of these panthers were killed along the Moshannon.

"Askey came from the Bald Eagle Valley about 1814 just after the War of 1812. He served with Commodore Perry, on Lake Erie. He and John Noble Lucas went from the Bald Eagle Valley. They were in the great Naval Battle in 1813 in September of that year. About 1814 Askey settled near Giltentown, three miles west of Snow Shoe, so the Moshannon was his hunting ground, his barn and part of the house stands today.

"He gave the ground for the Askey cemetery on his farm. My ancestors are all buried there. My great-grandfather settled on the Humes tract along the Indian Path in 1801, boy at that time 14 years old. Keeling, a man of 26 years, he suggested we return home and get our guns and watch that lick. We went and secured our guns and got on the tree. About 5 p. m. I sat on a board of Mr. Walker had for a seat; it was the day before Decoration, 29th of May.

"Just at sunset Keeling hollered with a big oath for me to look on his side and there lay a very large

Chamber of Commerce Lists Names From State College Local Board No. 1

Effort Being Made to Secure Correct Information of All Bellefonte R. D. Men in Service In Order to Complete Honor Roll

The Bellefonte Chamber of Commerce last week received a complete list of Bellefonte and Bellefonte, R. D. men who have been called into the army by the State College Board. These names will be added to the names of Bellefonte and R. D. men called by Local Board No. 2, Bellefonte, to complete the official list for the Bellefonte Honor Roll.

Relatives and friends of men in the service are asked to check the list below. The list should include all service men from Bellefonte and the rural routes, who were under the jurisdiction of Local Board No. 1, of State College. If any names do not appear, the matter should be reported at once to Karl E. Kusse, secretary of the Bellefonte Chamber of Commerce. The telephone number is 2917.

The Bellefonte and R. D. list from Board No. 1 follows, with service men from Pleasant Gap withdrawn for placing on the Pleasant Gap Honor Roll:

Marcellina, Jos. P. Bellefonte RD 3 Thomas, Chester W. Bellefonte RD 1 Warnick, James C. Bellefonte RD 3 Facker, Howard T. Bellefonte RD 3 Green, Russell F. Bellefonte RD 1 Kresovich, Ralph F. Bellefonte RD 1 McKinley, Sam R. Bellefonte RD 3 Sager, Charles R. Bellefonte RD 3 Egoek, Peter M. Bellefonte RD 1 Miller, Frederick L. Bellefonte RD 2

Reargument In Will Litigation

Clearfield Judge to Give Opinion in Disposition of Estate

Sitting in Clinton county court last week, Judge W. Wallace Smith of Clearfield heard reargument in the case of Dr. Linn Harold Harris of Forest Glen, Md., vs. the trustees of the Central Pennsylvania Conference of the Methodist church, who were bequeathed the residuary estate of Dr. Harris' mother, Mrs. Mary Polsgrove Harris, amounting to approximately \$10,000. Mrs. Harris was the widow of the late J. Linn Harris of Bellefonte.

The hearing in the case was conducted at the court house in Lock Haven last August by the late Judge Samuel H. Humes of Williamsport, who heard argument in the litigation in December. Judge Humes was working on his opinion when he died unexpectedly about a month ago.

Dr. Harris is suing to obtain the residuary estate of his mother on the grounds that at the time she made her will, she was of unsound mind. According to her will, the income from the amount bequeathed to the Methodist trustees is to be devoted to a preachers' retirement fund as a memorial to her parents, John B. and Amelia Polsgrove.

R. H. Gilbert of Tyrone, and Morris Klewans are the legal counsel for the church trustees, while S. L. Gillson of Erie, and Burrill L. Haag represent the petitioner, Dr. Harris.

Lowly Masked Comes Into Its Own

The war has brought on a trapper boom down Louisiana way with 6,000,000 "marsh hares" providing fur for the ladies, musk glands for perfumery and tons of meat for everybody. Don't miss this informative article in the April 4th issue of The American Weekly, the big magazine distributed with the Baltimore Sunday American. On sale at all newsstands.

China's Six-Year Fight Against Japs

Heroic deeds of children and aged folks which have marked China's lone-hand fight for freedom against the encroaching Japs. Read of these almost unsurpassed exploits in an illustrated article in the April 4th issue of The American Weekly, the big magazine distributed with the Baltimore Sunday American. On sale at all newsstands.

Wins Awards

Hazel Harte, employed at the Rylva plant at Emporium, won \$300 in a "Coin Your Ideas" campaign sponsored by the company, her idea showing how to eliminate waste motion and speed production on a vital war product. Three Mill Hall plant workers also won awards in the contest: Christine Livingston, \$50; Ralph Engler, \$25, and Frank Zoch, \$25.

Bridge Removed

Workmen are tearing out the S. & N. Y. Railroad bridge west of Montreat. The spans are being removed whole, and loaded for shipment to the Southern Railway Company, which has purchased a number of bridges of the abandoned line. Others have been taken by the State Highway Department.

Acquires Herd Sire

W. C. Frank, Bellefonte, has recently acquired a registered Holstein-Friesian bull from the herd of Frank W. Ingram, Salona. Change of ownership for this animal, Femi Segis Squire Pontiac, has been officially recorded by The Holstein-Friesian Association of America, Brattleboro, Vt.

TRUE YANKEE:

Pvt. Richard G. Miles, of Milesburg, whose lifelong ambition has been to spend the winters in the South, has spent most of the past winter in Tampa, Florida, with the U. S. armed forces. In a recent letter to a friend "Dick" expressed a vast disappointment in the realization of his lifelong dream. Walked he: "Take the Civil War—I can't figure out what the South was fighting for!"

WORK NOTE: The L&T locomotive on the train from Bellefonte to Sunbury jumped the tracks at Centre Hall last Monday morning. It took a wrecking crew until about midnight to get the locomotive back on the rails. In the meantime the 16-hour daily maximum railroad men are allowed to work elapsed, and at the appointed hour a taxi from Sunbury arrived on the scene with a new train crew and took the original crew back to Sunbury.

TIME KILLER: If you ever find time hanging heavy on your hands, this corner suggests that you get a 25-cent model airplane kit and go to work. By the time you get the first few pieces put together you'll find that you not only don't have any time hanging heavy on your hands, but also have created yourself out of four or five hours of sleep.

MORE TRENDING: This corner's trend pointer predicts that the manpower situation in the nation will ease considerably by late summer or early fall. He points out that so far in this war the nation's producers have had to perform two mammoth tasks at once—producing the plants and machinery to make the implements of war—and making the implements of war themselves. Plant construction is rapidly nearing completion, and when that job is finished thousands of workers now engaged in that type of work will be available for other tasks, our informant set forth. Maybe he has something there.

COAL: Have you been having trouble with the coal you've been getting this winter? Has it been full of rocks, dirt, slate? Have you found that although you fire hard, there's no heat in it? Chances are you've had such trouble and the reason, we're told, is because of the great demand for fuel, many coal dealers are buying up piles of "slack" coal—material which in normal times is hauled out of the mines and dumped as being unsuitable for average use. This coal, in other words, is what is left after the good coal has been taken out. The thing that hurts is that you pay for good coal and get a fuel that isn't worth putting in your bin.

NEED: Some bright young man (if there are any who haven't been called to the armed forces) could make himself a tidy fortune by inventing a kind of spouting which isn't made of vital materials. This corner doesn't see any reason why a good, durable plastic spouting couldn't be brought out to take the place of metal spouting, now unobtainable.

GADGET MEN: Many men, we find, have a fondness for gadgets—little devices or ways of doing things to lighten chores around the home or office. Most men are pardonably proud of the gadgets they use—particularly if they made them themselves. One of the town's chief gadget men is Eddie Widdowson, who has designed a couple of gadgets. One is an attachment for remaining of wallpaper. He made a fitting to attach a garden hose to the steam valve opening of a radiator. He puts the rubber cup of a drain opener (costing 25 cents)

Leg Fractured In Unusual Accident

Beech Creek Youth Injured in Mishap on State Highway

Richard Irvin Conway, 12, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ellsworth Conway of Beech Creek, is a patient in the Lock Haven Hospital, receiving treatment for a compound fracture of the left leg sustained last Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock in a peculiar accident on Route 220 near Beech Creek.

Young Conway was standing on a machine being pulled by a tractor. When he jumped off, he struck the rear wheel of a car driven by Miss Fern McKinley, of Milesburg, who was attempting to pass the machine when the boy leaped.

The State Motor Police investigated.

FARM QUESTION BOX

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

- Q.—What is the remedy for frostbite on the combs of hens and roosters?
A.—Frozen combs usually result in a drop of egg production and loss of fertility in the male birds for two to four weeks. Many poultrymen "dub" or trim off the comb when chicks are a day old or in autumn when birds are put in the houses, or after the combs are frozen. To do this you take a pair of sharp shears and trim off the edge down to the central line where the comb begins to broaden out, and dust the cut surface with perchloride of iron. The wattles are cut close to the head.
Q.—In what type of soil do beans and peas thrive?
A.—Beans and peas and all the legumes prefer an alkaline soil instead of an acid one, and the addition of lime to the soil for these crops usually improves the growth and yield.
Q.—Should soil be sterilized before starting some plants indoors?
A.—Yes. Sterilize the soil in your seed flats. Sprinkle 1/2 tablespoonful of 40 per cent formaldehyde over 1 square foot of soil using 1 pint of water to dilute it; cover two or three days to fumigate; stir and aerate two or three days, and plant seed. As the seed breaks ground, dust 1/2 ounce of zinc oxide over the surface to check damping-off diseases.
Q.—What would you advise to sow as a hay mixture for sheep?
A.—Sheep will eat almost any kind of hay if it is properly cut and cured.
Q.—Where can I purchase tree paint?
A.—Some of the larger feed and seed or hardware stores carry it, or you can use an asphalt roof paint or gas tar with equal success.
Q.—Does fertilizer give best results by putting it underneath plants?
A.—Manure and fertilizer should be worked into the soil evenly and fairly deep, six or eight inches down. This encourages roots to spread evenly and widely throughout the soil so they have a large, deeper area from which to draw water during dry spells. Placing the food near the surface or near the seed tends to concentrate roots to that limited area.
Q.—Have you bulletins on disease-resistant vegetables?
A.—I do not have a bulletin on disease-resistant varieties because these are treated mostly in the discussion of each crop. In general, all the hybrid sweet corns are resistant to wilt; the string beans commonly sold are resistant to blight, but beyond that the disease-resistant varieties are mostly still in the experimental stage. For a family garden, it is not as vital as where one plants a large commercial acreage of one crop and repeats the same crop over a period of years.