



Jesse Adler Looks at the NEWS

BECAUSE both P. D. R. and V. P. Wallace were out of the States at the same time, accusations were hurled that the U. S. was running without a Chief Executive. Which isn't news—that's just what the Republicans have been claimin' all along.

WORD COMES from Washington that because of material shortages counterfeiter are out of work for the duration. Tough stuff, them priorities!

SOCIAL ITEM from a Southern Rural Weekly: "After his marriage to Mrs. Evelyn Kripp, 68, Frank Bodin, 76, eventually with a baritone solo." Frank's rank alright!

THE Long Island Railroad has decided to hire women conductors. The Fare Six, huh?

AND defense foremen reveal that Hollywood's top glamour girls have become excellent welders and riveters. Which is only natural—they've worked on chisels so long.

WE'RE positive the automobile will never replace the horse. Who can eat an automobile?

QUESTION even John Kiernan can't answer: Baby Stork; "Mamma, where did I come from?"

HEY Mr. Wickard or Davies—here's an idea to solve the food shortage. Why not switch rationed foods with non-rationed foods—all the folks will rush to buy the rationed foods and the real necessities will be plentiful. . . . If this sounds complicated write to your Congressman to explain it. . . . And if he can explain it, please write to us!

ADD descriptions for WEA's new morning "Definition" program: Knapsack; a sleeping bag. . . . Kidnapping—a sleeping child.

THE N. J. State Board of Health wants horse tags put on horsemeat before it is sold. It says nothing about putting tags on those who eat it.

A NEWS item headlines: "Axis Heads Meet." So that's how they got that headache!

THE only "ism" an American goes for is Witticism.

Extension Service to Mobilize Farm Labor

The United States Department of Agriculture has assigned the responsibility for the mobilization and placement of farm labor to the Agricultural Extension Service.

Mr. Henry Stover, president of the Centre County Agricultural Extension Association, has appointed the following emergency farm labor committee to be in charge of the Centre county program: J. C. Shoemaker, State College; Victor Auman, Centre Hall; F. Glenn Rogers, Bellefonte; C. H. Eungard, Spring Mills; L. E. Biddle, Bellefonte; W. C. Smeltzer, Bellefonte; and J. H. Caum, Bellefonte.

Mr. Stover states that the duty of this committee will be to work in conjunction with the Agricultural Extension Agents in directing a program to mobilize and place labor on the farms of Centre county this coming season. It is recognized that it may not be possible to supply all farm labor needed; however, it is the intention of this committee to make every possible effort to help relieve this critical situation.

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Relief Grants Lower

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Couple Held In Auto Death

After a day's search throughout Phillipsburg and Clearfield areas for a supposedly hit-and-run driver who Tuesday night of last week struck and killed 27-year-old Edward McKinn, State Motor police Thursday arrested Mr. and Mrs. Robert Daniels, of Woodland, who are being held for court after waiving a hearing before Justice of the Peace Robert C. Shaw, at Clearfield.

The fatal accident is believed to have occurred 10 minutes after midnight Wednesday morning as the victim was walking along the highway just on this side of Clearfield borough. The lifeless body of McKinn was not discovered, however, until 7 o'clock Wednesday morning lying in the front yard of an East End family.

The body was thrown by the impact, from the road over a four-foot

Flemington Man Fractures Leg

Howard Huffer, of Flemington, is a patient in the Lock Haven Hospital with severe injuries received early Saturday morning when his car left the highway in the Flemington cut-off and hit a tree.

The hospital gave his injuries as a fracture of the right leg, lacerations to the head and face including bad cuts around the right eye, and severe lacerations of the right hand.

Wounded, Walks Mile

Robert Arnold, aged 10, of the Smithport Road, is recovering after walking more than a mile to the Community Hospital at Kane, when a bullet wound in his back, received

The Centre Democrat

Governor Edward Martin to Deliver Memorial Address At Boalsburg On May 16

Event Held in Honor of 28th Division, of Whose Number 2,874 Gave Their Lives in First World War

Governor Edward Martin will be the principal speaker at the annual Memorial Service of the Society of the 28th Division at Boalsburg, Centre county, Sunday, May 16, the State Department of Commerce announces. The Governor served with the Division in the World War.

Other distinguished guests who will gather to honor the 2,874 men who gave their lives in World War I, include Mrs. Ida May Kelley, National President; Ladies Auxiliary, Society of the 28th Division; L. Sulbenberger, National Commander; Senator A. H. Letzler; General R. M. Vail, Adjutant General of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and Generals E. C. Shannon, W. G. Price, W. H. Hay, all retired.

There will be an inspection and review of the State College American Legion Junior Drum and Bugle Corps, by Governor Martin and the military guests.

Special tribute will be paid to General Edward Sigerfoos, who is distinguished as having been the only officer of the American Expeditionary Force killed in action during World War I.

The circumstances of his death were unusual in that the general, who had attained his high rank only a few days before, was on his way to greet his new command. He paused at a cross-roads shrine to consult his maps and determine the most direct route to his command's position. He dispatched his aides on reconnaissance. When the aides returned they found that the wayside shrine had been shattered by shell and the iron cross lay on the ground. Beneath the cross, half-covered by the rubble from the demolished shrine, lay General Sigerfoos.

This was an ironic death for a man who had seen action at Santiago during the Spanish-American War—in the Philippines—Yera Cruz and the Mexican Border. He had also served in Tientsin.

The same cross under which General Sigerfoos died was brought to this country by Colonel Theodore D. Boal. During the memorial services, May 16, a wreath will be placed upon it.

Relatives, friends and the general public are invited to attend the services at Boalsburg, four miles east of State College on U. S. Route 322.

Student Saves Two From River

Lock Haven State Teachers College Athlete Pulls Couple From Water

A middle-aged Lycoming county couple owe their lives to the courage and swimming skill of Reginald C. Johnson of Waynesboro, 19-year-old star athlete at the Lock Haven State Teachers' College, who rescued them from the chilly Susquehanna last Wednesday evening, after the car in which they were riding figured in a collision with Johnson's automobile on Route 220, one mile east of the Jersey Shore limits.

Johnson was traveling toward Williamsport, while Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Neff, of Linden, R. D. 2, were going toward Jersey Shore, when the Neff sedan was hurled into the river where it became submerged immediately with the occupants inside.

Without hesitation Mr. Johnson, known to college friends as Reggie, jumped into the water and swam to the car. He tried unsuccessfully to open three of the automobile doors, finally getting a rear door open, and then pulled Mr. and Mrs. Neff outside, taking them to the shore. From there they went to the home of Charles S. Neff, brother of Mr. Neff, and they were able to walk inside unassisted. Treated by a physician, they were found to be suffering only from shock. They were not in the water long enough to need artificial respiration.

Breeder Starts Herd J. David Hosterman, Herrme Farm, Spring Mills, has started his Guernsey herd on official production test in the Herd Improvement Division of The American Guernsey Cattle Club. The production and butterfat content of each cow's milk will be checked at least once each month with one surprise test and preliminary milking required during the lactation. Testing will be supervised by the Pennsylvania State College and reported to The American Guernsey Cattle Club for verification and publication in the Performance Register.

Brakeman Killed at Williamsport Crossing

Charles H. Tyson, of Watsonstown, brakeman on the Williamsport division of the Pennsylvania Railroad, was instantly killed when struck by a passenger train just west of the Hepburn street crossing in Williamsport, Wednesday morning.

Mr. Tyson was brakeman on the local freight between Williamsport and Berwick and had just completed a run. It is believed he was walking through the yard to the cabin car on the Fifth street siding, where he planned to rest and lay-over, pending a return ride home.

Auctions Tombstones Auction-goers at Bucknell University were puzzled when Sigma Epsilon fraternity, forced to close because of the loss of more than two-thirds of its members to the services, put up for sale—along with kitchenware, furniture and athletic equipment—one unused tombstone. When the fraternity's pet dog was killed recently a sympathetic alumnus, who happened to be in the tombstone business, donated a handsome memorial for the pooch. But the sale came along before the memorial could be erected, and Fido's tombstone went for \$125.

To Build at Bucknell Bucknell University trustees at a special meeting Thursday afternoon in Philadelphia, authorized construction of a mess hall to accommodate the 600 Navy students at the university at Lewisburg after July 1. The new hall will be on the campus, and the site for it will be chosen and construction done under the buildings and grounds committee of which Dr. Mary M. Wolfe of Lewisburg is chairman.

Cow Killed on Road A Guernsey cow, belonging to Myron C. Hopewell, of R. D. 1, Northumberland, met almost instant death on the highway, when struck by a sedan driven by a New Jersey man, whose machine was damaged \$75. A herd of cattle broke loose from the farm early in the morning, and the one killed apparently wandered from the fields onto the highway.

Hurt in Bomber Crash Sgt. Reed Cechman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Cechman of Watsonstown, a radio operator on a bomber, was recently injured in a crash on the Pacific Ocean, somewhere off the coast of South America. The crew of ten drifted for eight hours in two rubber boats, and were then picked up by a sailing vessel. None of the crew was killed.

Science Has New Test for the Brain Science has developed a new device that records the electrical currents of the mind and tells if you are sane or not. Be sure to read about this discovery in the May 2 issue of The American Weekly, the big magazine distributed with the Baltimore Sunday American. Ask your dealer to reserve your copy.

News from the Front

HUNTING JAPS HERE, REMINDS ME VERY MUCH OF HUNTING RABBITS AT HOME, ONLY THEY CAN RUN FASTER AND CLIMB TREES TELLY GRAN'PA OUR OUTFIT HAS THE BEST COOK IN THE SERVICE WE HAD ROAST BEEF FOR DINNER LAST SUNDAY WITH ALL THE TRIMMINGS GRAVY AND EVERYTHING. THE NATIVES ARE VERY FRIENDLY TO THE AMERICANS



224 In Centre County Receive Insurance Under Social Security

In the first 3 years of operations on a monthly payment basis, the annual rate of Federal family insurance payments in Centre county rose to \$40,836.

This figure was computed today by John D. Teasdale, manager of the Williamsport office of the Social Security Board, on the basis of statistics just received from the office of Regional Director William L. Dill in Philadelphia. The sum reflected insurance in force as of December 31, 1942, under the old-age and survivors insurance program of the Social Security Act. It did not include any of the public assistance allowances under Federal-State programs.

In Centre county, 224 men, women and children were receiving monthly checks amounting to \$3,463 at the end of December. The figures are growing daily as more workers retire or die, Mr. Teasdale said.

Monthly payments were distributed as follows: to 88 retired workers, \$1,673; to 37 aged wives of retired

workers, \$357; to 32 widows of insured workers, \$588, and to 65 dependent children of insured workers who have died or retired, \$758.

Mr. Teasdale urged all widows who have not already done so to inquire concerning possible benefits. For themselves and their children, provided their husband died after the last day of 1939 and had worked in employment covered by the old-age and survivors insurance provisions of the Social Security Act. He pointed out that, in some instances, widows have lost some of their payments by failing to file claims promptly.

"There is no time-limit on filing widows' claims," Mr. Teasdale said, "but there is a three-month limit on back payments. Thus, if a widow waits more than three months after her husband's death to file a claim, she will lose some monthly payments if she is entitled to such payments. Our office will welcome inquiries in person, by mail or by telephone."

Failure to Stop is Cause of Accident

Truck and Automobile Figure in Collision at Mill Hall

Responsibility for an accident occurring in Mill Hall last Thursday morning has been placed upon Arthur S. Dornblaser of Lamar, motor police report, for failure to observe a stop sign.

As a result of the accident the coupe driven by Mr. Dornblaser and a truck operated by Richard K. Treasler of Mill Hall, R. D. 2, were damaged.

It is alleged that Mr. Dornblaser did not stop before crossing the bridge over Fishing Creek and collided with the truck, then ran onto the porch at the Boyd Rickard residence, damaging it to the extent of \$100.

No one was injured.

Odd and CURIOUS in the NEWS

CHICKENS IN CHURCH Some persons go for victory gardens, but the Rev. George T. Andrews, pastor of St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church at St. Louis, raises chickens in the church basement for distribution to the parish poor. Right now the basement is a gastronomic Utopia with 4,700 chickens on the hoof—and more in prospect. Father Andrews figuratively jumped from the fire into the frying pan in mid-January, after serving as a director of the Consumers' Coal Co-operative, which sprang up as a source of cheap fuel for the needy.

Workman Seriously Injured Thrown through the roof of a car that went out of control and overturned near Briggsville, Virgil Albertson, 28, of Conyngham, an ACP worker, was seriously injured. He is a patient in Berwick Hospital. Richard Richards of Hazleton, driver of the car and Paul Zelenak of Beaver Brook, a third occupant, were attended at the hospital for injuries and then returned to their homes. Albertson suffered severe lacerations of the nose, forehead and left hand, contusions of the back and possible internal injuries. The car was badly damaged.

Four Sons in Service Mrs. Blanche Davis, of Danville, has the honor of having four sons in the armed forces. Technical Sgt. William Davis is with an artillery unit at Camp Gordon Johnson, Fla.; Pvt. Wilbur Davis, with a sea coast battery at New River, N. C.; Corp. Melbourne Davis, also with the field artillery at Camp Gordon Johnson, and Murry C. Davis, with the Navy at the National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Md.

Eleven Cars Derailed When a drawbar pulled on a train near South Danville, 11 freight cars were derailed and all traffic halted on the Wilkes-Barre division of the Pennsylvania Railroad, for about 12 hours, as there is but one track at the point where the accident happened. Wreck trains were rushed from Wilkes-Barre and Northumberland.

Two Held in Jail Here For Beating Up, Robbing Man at Philipsburg Last Week

Edward E. Luzier, 63, Claims to Have Been Robbed of \$102 After Being Led to Vicinity of Cold Stream Dam

Elmer Pike, 31, of Cold Stream, and William McLaughlin, 34, of Clearfield, R. D. are being held in the Bellefonte jail to await court action on charges of robbery and robbery by assault and force, preferred by Edward E. Luzier, 63, of Mineral Springs.

Luzier told Philipsburg police that he had been robbed of \$102 last Tuesday night, after being led to a point by the boothouses at Cold Stream dam by two men who while the one got his car to take the elderly man home.

Pike and McLaughlin were arrested about 10 o'clock Tuesday night by Assistant Chief of Police Edwin C. Gustafson. After being locked up in the Philipsburg jail, they were given a hearing before Justice of the Peace J. Mac Pearce, Wednesday, and then brought to the Bellefonte jail.

Both men plead not guilty to the charges, and no money was found on them. However, five witnesses testified for the commonwealth and Justice Pearce found sufficient evidence to hold the accused for court.

The story as developed at the hearing was that the two men met the Mineral Springs resident in a local taproom (the two were not drinking) and when they learned he wanted to get home, Pike offered to get his car and take him there. The

three walked out to Cold Stream, past Pike's house, and up the road to a point near the boothouses. The elderly man protested and wanted to turn back but Pike, it is alleged, kept telling him his home was just ahead.

As they were walking Pike was said to have hit the older man, knocked him down, and beat him up as he demanded his roll. The victim suffered shock and a black eye and was treated at the hospital after he recovered and made his way to the nearby home of Louis Mayes.

Mayes notified the police and assisted with the investigation which soon led to the neighboring Pike home.

Mrs. Pike was questioned as to her husband's whereabouts and she (Continued on Page Four)

Howard R. D. Man Held On Charge

Claimed He Did Not Stop For Wardens During Air Raid Drills

John F. Bechdel of Howard, R. D. has been charged by the Clinton County Defense Council with failure to observe air raid drills laws.

Information had been made before Alderman T. Mark Brungard, Lock Haven, but it was not until last Tuesday night, following a detailed investigation, that the Civilian Defense Council voted to proceed with the arrest of Mr. Bechdel. The inquiry had been underway more than a month.

Wardens charge that on March 5, Bechdel was stopped twice while driving an automobile, and on the second occasion became very abusive. Bechdel denied this.

On June 24, 1942, Bechdel was charged with turning off car lights and increasing speed when signalled to stop. A letter, misssent at that time, apparently did not reach Bechdel, CDC official said.

Calls for Elimination of Non-Essential Travel Transportation Director Joseph B. Eastman has called for the elimination of all "strictly non-essential travel," and announced he will deny all requests of railroads for authority to operate additional summer services involving the use of sleeping-car equipment.

While not classifying annual vacations as "strictly non-essential," Eastman said they should begin and end on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, in order to avoid weekend traffic peaks, and that vacationists should stay at home, or make their trips as short as possible.

Additional summer services will be limited to coach trains operated between Saturday noon and Sunday midnight.

Port Matilda Youth Injured in Accident

Donald Stine, 17, of Port Matilda, suffered a bruised left knee and a laceration of the lip about 7:50 o'clock last Wednesday night when a sedan he was driving struck the rear of a truck operated by Fred Strathmeyer, of York. The accident happened on Route 322, one mile west of State College. Total damage was estimated at \$250.

Police said the crash resulted when the sedan attempted to pass the truck. Both vehicles were traveling east at the time. Stine received treatment in the office of a State College physician.

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Random Items

OPEN LETTER: To the editors of the Pennsylvania State College Extension News which is issued monthly to a mailing list of 30,000 by the Penn State extension services:

On page 1 of your April issue, in a prominently featured story about the 500 Air Corps trainees at Penn State, you report, in part: "The Air Corps trainees will stay at Penn State for periods of from one to five months and will be replaced by other students. They will be engaged in pre-flight courses of an academic nature, and after the necessary ground training will receive some flying instruction at nearby air fields."

Would it have pained you too much to mention that THE air field at which they will receive flying instruction is the Bellefonte Municipal Airfield, at Bellefonte, Pa.? Surely you haven't forgotten, so soon, that if Bellefonte hadn't been able to provide an adequate air field, Penn State in all probability would not have any Air Force trainees to brag about.

Promises of punishment to the Japanese leaders for their execution of members of the Tokyo bombing force, after the war, don't impress this corner. After the war, all of us are prone to get big-hearted and easy-going toward our former enemies. What's needed right now is a terrific drubbing of Japan, with bombs and anything else that comes to hand.

NO SENSE: A thing we could never understand about war is that while it is the most senseless, beastly and wasteful of all human pursuits, nations still persist in trying to conduct it with rules, like a football game. We have absolutely no confidence in international rules of warfare. A nation, in peace times, sits around a table with its neighbors and all of them agree not to use poison gas in warfare. They agree that prisoners of war should be treated humanely. Fine. It's all well and good, and is a good clean way to conduct a war—in peacetime. The same nation, when going gets tough during a war, regards the rules it agreed to as just so much paper. We hope no American is so naive as to think that international rules have prevented Hitler from using gas so far in this war. The one and only thing that has prevented him, in our opinion, is that he knows he'll get a double dose of the same medicine from us. War is WAR. War means you're out to fight, to kill, pillage, lay waste and destroy anything that belongs to your enemy. How can you even think of conducting such a bloody business along set rules, the same as you do a bridge game, is a thing this corner never will understand.

TRUCK: Remember that cab-over-engine truck R. E. Bayjet had when he operated an ash removal route in Bellefonte, and which was badly damaged by fire several months ago? Well the truck is once more back in service, in another role. After the fire the truck was purchased by Al Yearick, local garage man, who has converted it into a wrecking truck. During his spare time he began by adding an extra truck frame over the original frame to give extra strength. Then he built an unusually heavy derrick of heavy angle iron. Using automobile transmissions and differentials, he rigged up a winch which may be operated either from inside the cab, or from (Continued on Page Eight)

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