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EDITORIAL

If the food situation gets much worse there will be something to owning a farm.

The Nazis would like to know what Churchill and Roosevelt talked about. So would some of us.

The Russians will please some Americans only when they whip the Germans and then volunteer to take on Japan alone.

The patriots who were so sure Japan would never attack us are now worried because they fear we might not beat the Japanese.

This is a good time to make up your mind to can, preserve or store away some food for next winter. Have as much sense as a squirrel.

William M. Jeffers, Rubber Director, says the manufacture of rubber tires for civilian use must be resumed this year so that 30,000,000 new tires will be fabricated in 1944 to keep the country rolling.

With heavy bombers being produced at a rate of more than 500 a month, Charles E. Wilson, executive vice-chairman of the WPB, says that schedules call for the production of at least 1,000 a month by April, 1944.

ISOLATIONIST POISON

The only argument that the Isolationists present to the people of the United States is based on suspicion, distrust and fear.

The recent demand of Senator Chandler of Kentucky, that the United States use its forces against Japan is predicated upon the theory that, when Hitler is vanquished, this country will be abandoned by Britain and Russia and left to fight a strongly entrenched Japan alone.

It should be pointed out for the record, that, so far, Russia has made no public pronouncement of any intention of joining in war against Japan. Meanwhile, our supplies that go to Russia, to keep the Red Army fighting, serve our present war purpose which justifies the aid-to-Russia program.

The strategy of the Isolationists, regardless of what develops, is to attempt to persuade the people of this country that they can trust no other people in the world. The Isolationists even intimate that we cannot trust our leaders, who, they allege, are utterly unable to deal with the hard-boiled diplomats of other nations.

It is hard to understand the psychology of Americans who maintain in one breath that we can live apart from the world and, if necessary, beat the entire world, and, in the next, proclaim that we are utterly unable to take care of ourselves in any conference with other nations.

There is valid reason for the conclusion of Senator Scott Lucas, of Illinois, who declared: "I am willing to take my chances with Roosevelt when it comes to dealing with Churchill, Stalin or anybody else. There is nothing in the record to intimate that any foreign diplomat can out-trade Mr. Roosevelt."

MARINE APPEALS TO STRIKERS

A United States Marine, who fought on Guadalcanal, recently attempted to convince a group of striking war workers in Cincinnati to return to their jobs.

The Marine, wearing his uniform and decorated with service ribbons, met with little success. The men stopped work because ten workers were discharged.

The Marine tried to tell the workers about the boys on Guadalcanal, and everywhere else, who go "through Hell under fire" and need the support of our industrial workers.

It is time for responsible labor leaders to realize that the cause of labor is being seriously impaired by unauthorized and unjustified strikes that delay the production of war material.

If labor officials cannot control their men, then it is obvious that some other means of control must be adopted. It is impossible for labor unions to expect privilege and power unless they have responsibility and control.

Still Hiking at 92

Boyd Henrie, aged 92, of Bloomsburg, doesn't let gasoline rationing prevent him from visiting his friends. Last week he walked several miles to Light Street, and was expected to make the return trip alone. However, a friendly driver, who had a legitimate call for use of his car, gave him a ride home.

Philipsburg Church 125 Years Old

In keeping with Memorial Day custom, the Old Union church at Philipsburg was open to visitors Sunday afternoon from 1 to 4 o'clock. In 1818, the meeting house was completed and used. Original door and windows of the structure are well preserved.

Bear Damages Bee Hives

Vincent A. Verbeck, who has one of the best apiaries in the Woolrich area, reports that a bear has been damaging his bee yards, about a mile and a half from Woolrich, on Pine Creek. Thirteen colonies valued at \$150 have been destroyed.

Random Items

LET THEM ALONE!

There's been a lot of loose and irresponsible talk about the plight of the poor ducks, down around the falls in Bellefonte. Officials went to Council and had \$50 appropriated for duck food. Earlier a duck pen was made and placed on Gamble Island. The pen was carefully fenced in so young ducklings couldn't get out. On occasion, drakes have been spirited away for a time so they wouldn't kill their young. Some of the ducklings were taken to a hatchery for a while because it was feared the weather was too cold for them. All this official dither has produced conclusive results—a total of 17 ducklings born so far this spring, not a single one survives today. In former years when the adult ducks were allowed to feed and care for their own families, there were one or two casualties out of each batch, but the old ducks' record was far better than the awful one set this year by the town's official ducksters. So on behalf of at least a score of persons who have asked us to do something about the duck situation, we're pleading with the well-meaning but poorly-trained human duck mothers of the town to quit worrying and let the ducks and ducklings alone. They will be all right.

GASLINE:

Two hundred gallons of gasoline would last an A card holder about two years and eight months at the present legal rate of consumption, the Keystone Automobile Club reports. A big U. S. bomber uses that much in an hour. A bomber travels about 200 miles an hour, perhaps. A car which averages 20 miles to the gallon could travel 4,000 miles on the fuel it takes to carry a bomber 200 miles. Or, looking at it another way, a bomber using 200 gallons of gasoline to go 200 miles, burns it up at the rate of 1 gallon a mile, or 3.3 gallons a minute. Keep these figures in mind the next time you're tempted to sneak down town for a package of cigarettes.

FIGURE EXPERT:

Reuben Robinson, Curwensville merchant recently acquitted here of implication in the robbery of the Shomberg Jewelry Store in State College in February 1941, is a wizard at figures. For fun, he'll draw a line on a sheet of paper and set below the line a number, containing seven or more numerals. He'll ask someone to list a group of numbers above the line, will look at the list a moment and write in the numeral required to make the total he set below the line to begin with. Or, he'll ask someone to write down two numbers, each containing five or more numerals. He'll multiply them mentally and in a matter of seconds give the answer to the problem. To those of us who never are quite sure whether 9 times 12 are 96, or 108, such performances are within the realm of pure magic.

CYCLERS:

Homer P. Barnes recalls that just fifty years ago, May 30, 1893, when the Walter L. Main Cycle wrecked at Vail, near Tyrone, he heard the news, jumped on his bicycle and pedaled to Vail to see the wreck—a matter of about 27 miles over a rough dirt road. He cycled here on an evening—making a total of 54 miles. When this corner expressed some amazement at the distance, Homer laughed. "That was nothing," he declared. "In those days you weren't considered a top-notch rider unless you were a member of the Century Club, and to do that you had to ride 100 miles in twelve hours. We thought nothing of riding to Altoona and back (about 106 miles) in a day." The cyclist recalled that it was nothing for him to get on his cycle at the Centre County Bank, Bellefonte, and ride to the Mountain House at Snow Shoe without dismounting. These feats were performed, mind you, in a day when there were no paved roads, and when bicycles were not equipped with brakes. Your legs worked every foot of the way and "holding back" going downhill was only a little less work than plugging uphill.

LORD HAW-HAW:

Wonder how Lord Haw-Haw and the other traitorous British and U. S. citizens who are heard over the Axis radio stations must feel when they see signs of an Axis downfall? When the Nazis are defeated, those men will be truly men without a country. The Germans will cast them out, and heaven knows we want no part of them. They'll go down in history—if historians think of them—something new in the world—radio traitors.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Won't it be fun, some day, to gather up the family's ration books, hold 'em by their ends, and go down to the electrician to buy four pounds of beef steak, cut 1 1/2 inches thick? . . . Which reminds us of a day when we disliked going to public dinners, because they always served meals which were headed by a dish known in those days as Roast Turkey, or Roast Chicken.

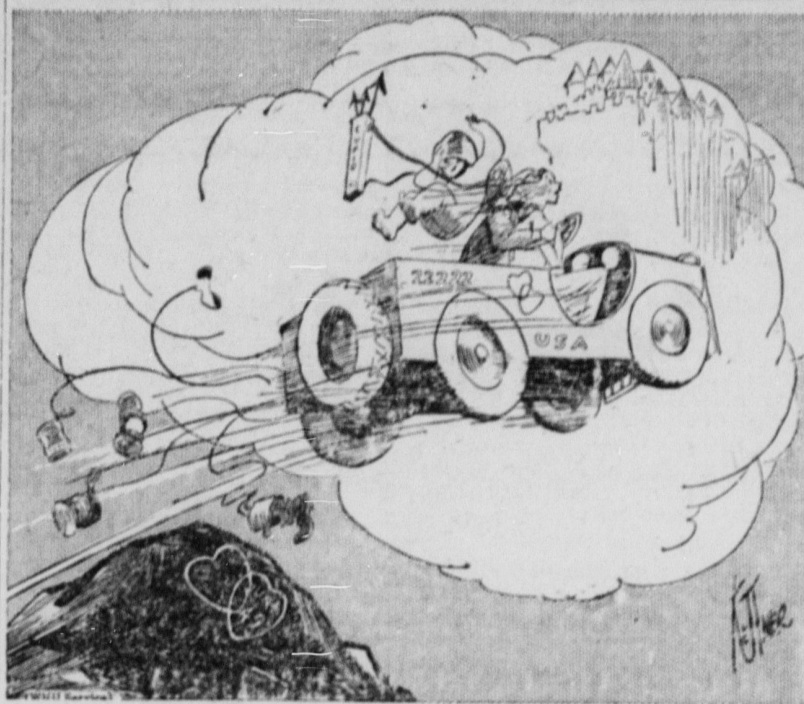
EXPLANATION:

This corner's complaint last week about lights being left on in the local postoffice during a recent blackout are denied by an employee who is assigned the task of running to the alert sounds. He maintains the lights were turned off long before the blackout ended. We're not arguing with him. The point we strove to make last week was that the postoffice, like all other business places, should be required to install an outside switch for the night lights so that air raid wardens could snap off the lights in an emergency. Who knows—in a real raid the employee assigned to tie himself to the building to turn out the lights might be caught by a bomb before he got there.

STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING

A meeting of stockholders of Centre Building and Loan Association for the election of directors and such other business as may come before them, will be held at their office Friday evening, June 11, at 7:30. CHAS. F. COOK, Sec'y.

Good Luck!



Sunday School Lesson

COMFORT IN PERSECUTION

International Sunday School Lesson for June 6, 1943.

GOLDEN TEXT: "For it is better, if the will of God be so, that ye suffer for well-doing, than for evil doing."—1 Peter 3:17.

Lesson Text: 1 Peter 3: 13-17; 4: 12-16.

Practically every newspaper we pick up today has one or more news dispatches from the war fronts, telling of unusual heroism of some soldier, sailor or marine, in the face of trying circumstances or in the midst of terrible danger. Medals have been awarded and are being awarded to these fighting men, although some heroic acts by some may go unnoticed and unheralded.

At the time Peter wrote his epistle which forms the scripture basis for our lesson this week, the early Christians, and Peter himself, were undergoing severe persecutions, being imprisoned and mistreated in every possible way. This was during the reign of the evil Nero, when Christians were sought out by dogs and torn to bits by wild animals.

True to the commission of his Lord Peter wrote this letter to the early Christians, seeking to comfort and strengthen them in their trials. When Peter advised "Be not afraid of their terror, neither be troubled; but sanctify the Lord God in your hearts," he was probably thinking of the words of Jesus, "Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." (John 14:27). Perhaps Peter did not fully understand Jesus' words when they were spoken then, but he certainly learned the secret of courage and had boldly faced and defied his enemies at Jerusalem.

Peter and the other disciple had been persecuted and imprisoned, yet he and they remained faithful under fire, so he could out of his own experience advise others to remain faithful. What did he say? "Be not afraid of their terror, neither be troubled; but sanctify the Lord God in your hearts." What does Peter mean by the word, "sanctify"? He meant just what was meant by the

word "hallowed" which we use when we pray the Lord's Prayer and "Hallowed be thy name." We sanctify Christ as Lord when we recognize his holiness, when we worship him and give him first place in our lives and hearts. Thus Peter says: "Put Christ deep in your hearts. Give him your absolute trust and devotion and when you have done this, fear will be driven from your hearts."

Often times we hear the question, "Why is it that God allows trouble to come to good people, to Christians who are trying to live as they should?" Perhaps that question has arisen in your mind. As it is necessary for fine metals to be tested by fire, so that the dross may be burned away and the gold made pure, so it is necessary that Christians be tested, or proved. Jesus warned his disciples that they would be accused falsely for His sake, would be reviled and persecuted (Matt. 5: 10-12), but he promised a reward to those who persevered through the persecutions, remaining faithful and happy.

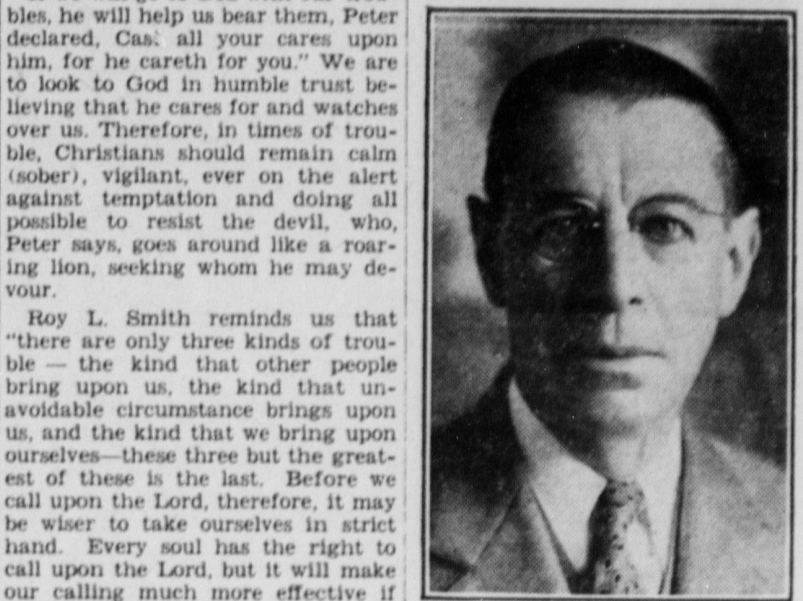
Peter explained that the fiery trials come to try us, to prove us, and we are judged by the way we meet these tests. History shows that the early Christians proved themselves faithful under fire. The way they behaved during the terrible persecutions heaped upon them did more than anything else to defeat their enemies. Christianity conquered because the early Christians bore the crosses with songs of triumph rather than with cries of despair.

In this connection we cannot but call to mind the different ways people are meeting the present world crisis. There are parents who are sending their sons off to war confident in the faith that the Lord will take care of them, or if this is not his Will, that God will give them grace to bear whatever may come to them. There are other parents who seem to have lost their hold on God because of sorrows which have come into their lives. They either shut themselves up with their grief or they go around complaining, whining and questioning.

How should Christians meet the

Advertisement for State Theatre featuring 'The Daring Young Man' and 'I Married a Witch'.

Brouse Announces For Commissioner Bellefonte Business Man Enters Name For Republican Nomination



The name of a prominent Bellefonte business man is now presented to the Republican voters of Centre county as a candidate for the important and responsible position of County Commissioner.

Since Centre county has grown to be a sixth class county, the volume of work incident to the County Commissioners' Office has greatly increased. From a part time job to an almost full time job with many added responsibilities and multiplied duties this office has now risen to one of major importance to the people of our county.

It is highly essential in filling this most important office in the coming election that the people should choose men of tried and known business ability, men who have made records in their own private business that will warrant public confidence in their ability to efficiently conduct the business of a growing county.

It is generally acknowledged that the man whose name we now present as a candidate for the office of Commissioner of Centre county is a thorough business man and one in whom the public generally can place implicit confidence. He is well known in business circles, has been active in community affairs, and is well known to his many patrons who have dealt with him over a period of years. Courteous, able and careful in the conduct of all business matters entrusted to him he occupies a position of esteem and confidence which especially fit him for the duties and responsibilities of the office of County Commissioner.

For these reasons we present for the consideration of the Republican voters of Centre county the name of William H. Brouse as a candidate for the office of County Commissioner in the Primary of 1943.

"Bill" Brouse's fitness and ability for the position cannot be questioned. His host of friends throughout Centre county welcome his candidacy and approve his announcement, knowing that he will make one of the best administrators that the county has ever had.

Always an active Republican worker, William H. Brouse has contributed much to the success of the Republican party in Centre county. He has never sought a county office until now and does so at this time because his friends, knowing his proven business ability, have urged him to become a candidate.

BROUSE FOR COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE. (Pol. Adv.)

THE next time you complain about your shoes wearing out think what our Air Force is doing to Mussolini's favorite boot!

THE Nazi claim the RAF's dropping poison bombs to kill all the hens in Austria. More fowl propaganda.

NOWADAYS when you look over a girl and remark: "She's got her good points" she doesn't know whether you're interested in her curves or her coupons.

SIGN in Army Barracks: "Keep the place clean—remember—Grime Doesn't Pay!"

IDEA for Restauranters: With the butter shortage so acute why not serve the main course on butter plates and make the portions look bigger?

TIP-OFF via Robert Adler on how to tell the difference between a WAAC and a WAVE—the WAVES have white caps!

WEEK'S Favorite Line: "What beautiful eyes you have" he said admiringly, as he gazed at the first potato he'd seen in weeks.

WHICH reminds us about the scariest cat who went to his dentist to have a tooth extracted but refused to remove his gas mask.

ONE silver lining about gas rationing. When you walk home after betting on the horses you've got plenty of company.

HINT to Overworked Housewives Who'd Prefer Light Housekeeping: Air pilots claim the only dust-free air in the world is over the ocean, about 600 miles from shore.

MRS. COLIN KELLY, widow of the hero, found it difficult renting an apartment in California, seems landlords didn't want tenants with children. They must be stork mad!

Large advertisement for 'Star Spangled Rhythm' musical at Plaza Theatre, featuring Fred MacMurray, Bob Hope, and others.