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EDITORIAL

The people of Centre county should not fail to buy their quota of war bonds. After all, it's our war.

The government is no better than the average of its citizens. Next time you abuse the government, give yourself a once-over from a standpoint of a responsible citizen of a great nation, engaged in a serious war.

As a matter of information we mention that war expenditures which averaged about $90,000,000 daily for the past three years, will reach $265,000,000 a day during the present fiscal year.

Army officials estimate that one-fourth of American soldiers killed in battle do not carry Government insurance, and those injured carry only one-half the permissable maximum. Attention is directed to the fact that, until August 10th, any member of the armed services can get $10,000 in life insurance without a physical examination. The price averages about $7 a month for the average age, 28 years.

Jurors in the Pennsylvania courts next year will receive four dollars per day, an increase from three dollars. The act becomes effective the first Monday of January, 1944. The law does not change the rate of pay for witnesses who will continue to receive $2 per day for their services. Mileage at the rate of six cents per mile is paid jurors and witnesses for only one day of their attendance at court.

New passenger fares have been adopted by the leading airlines of the nation, with the result that general fares are set up on the basis of 5.5 cents a mile. Considering the speed of aircraft this rate is getting close enough to give the railroads considerable competition after the war when there will be a great many aircraft available.

IT IS WISE TO BUY WAR BONDS

The purchase of war bonds is the civilian's participation in the nation's supreme war effort and there should be no let-up in the campaign to increase Centre county's investment in these securities.

The man, woman or child who buys a war bond has the satisfaction of knowing that his, or her, act helps provide the tools of warfare for our brave soldiers and sailors. In addition, there is the certain knowledge that such a purchase improves the financial position of the buyer and helps ward off the dread spectre of inflation.

We would urge all those who have purchased war bonds to hold on to them as long as possible. Obviously, it will not help the nation if one buys a bond one month and sells it the next. Equally obvious is the fact that such transactions will not increase the financial assets of the buyer.

Since the sale of "defense" bonds began purchasers have rendeemed only six per cent of these securities. However, the trend of redemption is upward. Whereas, in 1942 the average was only 3.9 per cent, the figure for June was 15.3 per cent.

It should not be necessary to point out to all those who are now enjoying increased incomes that they are sharing in the war boom, which cannot last forever. It is good to put aside, in flush times, something for a rainy day.

Money permanently invested in war bonds will cushion the post-war strains that will inevitably develop and, even if your improved income becomes permanent, give you a solid investment that can be used, in peace time, for many important purchases.

It is difficult for every citizen to buy war bonds on the same scale or to hold the securities after they are purchased. Individuals must decide for themselves, in the full knowledge of their financial position and obligations, just how much they can invest and save. Barring unexpected emergencies the purchase of a war bond should be a permanent investment, at least until the war ends.

WORDS WITHOUT END

Every time Congressman 'Jeemy' VanZandt opens his mouth . . . words come out. The Altoona Adonis has a propensity for talking a lot and saying little.

About a year ago he made a speech in Pittsburgh (there must have been two voters from this district visiting there). In that speech he quoted figures on war production, and generally, violated the censorship ban under which all newspapers, who had access to the same figures, refrained from publishing them.

That speech earned him tongue lashings from hundreds of papers all over the country (including many GOP sheets). He was roundly trounced for talking out of turn.

But that didn't teach our gregarious m.c. a lesson. On the contrary, it made him more talkative, if that were possible.

VanZandt's latest blab was made against Henry Kaiser, shipbuilding genius who has done more to keep the supplies of war moving overseas than any other single man in the country.

Our congressman was a member of the House Merchant Marine subcommittee, sent to the west coast to investigate the building of a new type of troop carrier by Kaiser. The committee snooped around the new shipyard, then gave out with such cracks as "One of the greatest messes I've ever seen."

VanZandt is credited with "Where is the remarkable record of Kaiser shipbuilding we have heard so much about?"

The committee was set straight by Admiral Howard Vickery, a man who should know. He pointed out that the yard was on schedule, that the carriers would be delivered when due, and that Kaiser had set a record which no other yard in the country would beat. He added, "The kind of talk I've heard this week from the subcommittee stirs up trouble and lowers morale."

Of course nobody expects congressmen to know everything; but VanZandt is a commissioned naval officer, and should know something of the problems in the shipbuilding game.

Maybe the country should be happy that the Altoona Adonis is on inactive duty. If he were in command of any part of the navy our half of the ocean would probably be the bottom half.—Clearfield Times.

LOUISA'S LETTER

Dear Louisa:

I have been reading your letters for a long time and I believe that you have answered them all correctly. Please answer the following for me: Why do boys flock around some young girls while there are other girls in the community that they forget even live and pay them no attention at all?

"BLONDIE"—N. C.

Answer:

Well, Blondie, it seems to be mainly because of that something we call personality. Some people are born with it, and others have to develop it.

The ones who are lucky enough to be born with it seem to be attractive even if they have very little beauty.

A mother can help her child who is not gifted, by giving her self-confidence.

She can see that the child knows how to keep herself well-groomed, that she knows how to act under all circumstances so that she can be at ease with young or old. She can high-light her successes and keep her failures in the background.

I know one mother who always made her child think that she was the loveliest girl in any company. The child was no beauty, but she was so sure of herself that her lack of it never worried her.

The girls who are popular are usually those who are interested in other people and other things. They are not wet blankets but pretty good sports.

So, if you haven't been born with personality, Blondie, try developing what you have. Make your physical body as attractive as possible and above all things, keep dainty and clean—hair, skin, finger nails, etc. Then get interested in other people and try to be good at sports. You'll probably be surprised how much you can improve.

LOUISA.

Dear Louisa:

I am a girl of eighteen and am in love with a boy who is now in the Army. From his actions before he left, he seemed to care a lot for me, but now since he has been away he seldom writes. We were awfully jealous of each other. I always write two letters to his one.

Since he has been away I have been passing the time with another boy that I am very fond of, and who seems to think a lot of me. But he is not the settled type and my parents are against him. What should I do?

TROUBLED—N. C.

Answer:

Unless you and No. 1 had an agreement not to go with others while he was away, there is no reason for you not to have dates. Of course, there is a chance that he is one of the boys who just doesn't like to write but it does seem that he could do better than he does along that line.

You are so young that I see no reason for making a decision at this time. I'd keep on having dates without getting serious. Behave yourself and when No. 1 comes back from the war you can decide what to do.

LOUISA.

4-H CLUB AT PINE GROVE HOLDS MEETING

The regular meeting of the Pine Grove Mills 4-H Club was held on Monday evening, July 12, in the Pine Hall Grange Hall, with twenty members and two parents present.

The meeting was in charge of the president, Ruth Grubb. The roll call was answered with reports on the members' projects.

It was decided that the next meeting would be held August 16 in the Pine Hall Grange Hall. It was stated by Mr. Ely, assistant county agent, that the 4-H Club picnic, held annually at Hecla Park, had been cancelled this year. He also stated that none of the club members from Centre county had been able to attend the 4-H Club camp, due to lack of transportation.

The meeting was placed in charge of Mr. Ely, who stated that he had inspected a number of the projects and that he would inspect the others in the near future. He instructed the members to have the records on the projects up-to-date when he inspected the projects. He then showed moving pictures on bee-keeping and also pictures taken at a 4-H Club camp.

Couple Observe 50th Anniversary

The golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Lytle, Juniata, was celebrated recently by spending the day with their children, relatives, friends and many neighbosr.

Many beautiful gifts and flowers were sent to them. A dinner was held in their honor and a large cake was the center piece.

They were united in marriage on June 14, 1893, at Pine Grove Mills, Centre county, Mrs. Lytle being the former Miss Elsie M. Housner.

They are the parents of nine children, one son and four daughters living. The children are: Harry, of Greenwood; Mrs. Luella Mock, of Greenwood; Mrs. Freda Oster, of Hollidaysburg; Verna Reigh, of Riggles Gap; Dessie Bebbington, of New Jersey. Friends from Johnstown also were at the celebration.

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AMERICAN HEROES

BY LEFF

When Richard Breckenridge's submarine made a hurried dive off Japan, a hatch jammed, but he ignored the order to abandon the rapidly flooding conning tower and remained behind, desperately trying to fasten it. By succeeding, he saved vital equipment for his submarine and became the first enlisted man in the submarine service to win the Navy Cross. He was willing to give his life. How much of your income will you invest in Payroll Savings?

Query & Answer Column

L. G.—Do the various tribes of Indians still have medicine men?

Ans.—They are not so numerous as formerly. The practices of the medicine men are rapidly passing away, due to the fact that the Government has established hospitals on most of the Indian reservations, and employs physicians who render medical and surgical services.

C. B.—What is the name given to the art of cutting trees and shrubs into grotesque shapes?

Ans.—Topiary work.

M. T. H.—When did the Pope first leave the Vatican after his voluntary seclusion of many years?

Ans.—Pope Piux XI was the first to leave the Vatican, on July 25, 1929, after the settlement of the long-standing dispute with the Italian government. From 1870 to 1928, the Pope had remained a voluntary prisoner.

N. F.—In what country are the most red-headed people found?

Ans.—In Scotland.

P. D. M.—Is it true that King Henry VIII of England was originally intended for the Church?

Ans.—The King was first intended for the Church. Eventually he was to have the See of Canterbury.

A. F.—Please quote the words of Benjamin Franklin regarding the rights of man in all the nations of the earth.

Ans.—"God grant that not only the love of liberty but a thorough knowledge of the rights of man may pervade all nations of the earth, so that a philosopher may set foot anywhere on its surface and say, 'This is my country'." These lines may be found in Smyth's Writings of Benjamin Franklin, Volume 10, page 72.

V. B.—What was the length of working hours in this country about 50 years ago?

Ans.—Studies made by the National Industrial Conference Board show that the average worker in industry in 1900 worked 60 hours a week.

R. G. V.—Do flying fishes really fly?

Ans.—These fishes have winglike fins by means of which the body is sustained in the air after the tail has propelled the fish out of the water. Sometimes they remain in the air for as long as 40 seconds and may travel an eighth of a mile.

M. M.—What is a tramp steamer?

Ans.—A steamer is called by this name when it does not belong to any regular steamship company, but is owned or operated by an individual.

J. W. B.—How high do weather observation balloons go, and of what are they made?

Ans.—The Weather Bureau says that they are made of latex rubber and are pearly white in color. The balloons are inflated with helium gas to a diameter of approximately five feet, after which they are released to ascend to their bursting points. They regularly attain heights of 70,000 feet before reaching this point and at that height are about three times their initial diameter, or 15 feet. All instrument-carrying balloons released from land stations are sent aloft with a parachute that opens after the balloon has burst.

I. S. S.—In the last World War, what was the greatest number of men sent overseas in one month by the United States?

Ans.—According to Leonard P. Ayres, the greatest number was 306,000.

A. C. A.—Are vitamins destroyed by quick freezing?

Ans.—According to scientific research, quick-frozen foods contain vitamins equal in amounts to those of the freshest foods on the markets.

F. H.—What did Robert G. Ingersoll say about the hospitality of the American Flag?

Ans.—"It means national hospitality—that we must welcome to our shores the exiles of the world, and that we may not drive them back. Some may be deformed by labor, dwarfed by hunger, broken in spirit, victims of tyranny and caste—in whose sad faces may be read the touching record of a weary life; and yet their children, born of liberty and love, will be symmetrical and fair, intelligent and free."

S. T. S.—In which of Shakespeare's plays is the expression "cut a caper" used?

Ans.—"Faith, I can cut a caper" is from "Twelfth Night."

H. H.—When did the Dionne quintuplets take their first communion?

Ans.—The children took their first communion on August 15, 1940, and received the blessing of Pope Pius XII by cable.

S. M.—What is the smallest owl that lives in this country?

Ans.—The elf owl is the tiniest in North America, being no larger than a sparrow.

B. G. H.—Did the Mormons give the religious names to the peaks in Zion National Park, Utah?

Ans.—The titles, such as The Altar of Sacrifice, The Great White Throne and Angel's Landing were given by the fiery and eloquent preacher, Frederick Vining Fisher. He visited the canyon in 1911 and named many of the outstanding peaks.

R. B. D.—What is the significance of the title of Russell Conwell's famous speech, "Acres of Diamonds?"

Ans.—The author showed by means of anecdotes that the world is filled with the diamonds of opportunity, merely waiting to be recognized, used and polished into success.

H. S.—Who is the foremost parachute jumper?

Ans.—Parachute-jumping records are not officially recognized in the United States. J. Floyd Smith in Parachutes says that probably the greatest artist in parachute jumping was Spud Manning, who on March 1, 1931, at Los Angeles, Calif., jumped 16,655 feet. He fell 15,265 feet before pulling his rip cord. His average rate of descent was 225 miles per hour. A certified baragraph was strapped to his back.

F. W.—What President's wife served as his secretary?

Ans.—Mrs. Polk was the first and only White House mistress to serve her husband as private secretary.

B. W. B.—Where did the disease commonly referred to as athlete's foot originate?

Ans.—Medical authorities believe that athlete's foot originated in the Orient.

W. S.—When does Brazil plan to move her capital to the interior?

Ans.—For many years Brazil has had a plan to move the capital city to a plateau near the center of the country and the site has been reserved. The climate is more favorable and the location is more central. No further action is contemplated at present.

H. W.—What is the Treat Award and who received it this year?

Ans.—General Treat, a former Commandant of Cadets at West Point, was one of the outstanding horsemen and polo players in the service. After his death his family established a fund, income from which was to provide an annual trophy. The trophy is awarded to the cadet who is outstanding in "sportsmanship and excellence in polo." The selection is made by the athletic board subject to the approval of the superintendent. The recipient this year was Cadet Surkamp, A. T. (now 2nd Lt.)

I. F. H.—How did John D. Rockefeller make his first money?

Ans.—Mr. Rockefeller said that the first money he ever earned was made by raising turkeys when he was 7 years old. He kept an account in what he termed Ledger A.

HEALTH AND BEAUTY

(Continued from last week)

No human being can endure more than a certain amount of torture before cracking. The Huns and the Japs have found that out. That was why they set out to torture our men through the long hours of the jungle darkness while the fever burnt them and the monotonous downpour of the rain never ceased. Through it all, they could hear the constant hum and buzz of the deadly insects.

Then too, the Japs never let up their cursing, bombing, and infernal noises during the hideous nights. The Marines, brave men that they were, could face these devils in open combat, but this hell in the darkness! Every fiber of their beings ached with pain and weariness. They were worn down. They did not believe that they could be aided or rescued.

Dr. Rogers Smith relates that these soldiers had a "disturbance of the whole organism. A disorder of thinking and living." They only wanted to die. All had similar symptoms.

Said the doctor, "to us the similarity of complaints, symptoms, and objective findings is almost beyond comprehension. In this group we have all types of physiques, mentalities, environmental, and educational types—yet clinically they were all the same individual—with identical symptoms."

They had headaches, keener hearing for sharp noises, periods of amnesia. The sensory nerves were all affected, causing pains throughout the body. There were marked muscular tenseness, tremors and palsies.

"Even after their arrival at our hospital the slightest sharp or sudden noise would cause them to jump and run from the room. Many arrived with cotton stuffed in their ears. On the returning transport many of them required physical restraint if there was test firing.

"Yet these men were intellectually normal when we saw them at least three weeks after battle.

"The fear that they would be thought yellow was universal. We found that one of our first duties was to endeavor to relieve them of this thought, and it was pathetic to see how grateful they were when told no one would consider them cowards."

When questioned in regard to their futures, the doctor asserted: "Some had suffered concussions of their brains. They were forgetful. In others there was complete mental blackout and palsies.

Before being subjected for weeks to the torture inflicted upon them, they were tougher, and mentally a superior class of men. Now some of them, after six months of good care, may be able to take up civilian life where they left it off. Others were hopeless.

None will be able to go through the same tortures that has brought on their troubles. They are finished. They have done it for you and me.

Will our politicians in Washington quit sacrificing them by quibbling and quarreling, hoping to get votes for themselves? Will labor go to work and quit striking for a little more filthy lucre, and get on with helping to win the war? By so doing, fewer men will be casualties.

CAMP BARREE OPENS FOR SUMMER SEASON

Fourteen members of Bellefonte Girl Scout troops early last week went to Camp Barree, it is announced by Mrs. Martin J. Miller who is in charge for the Bellefonte district.

Those in the group were: Mary Tingue, Esther McCulley, Verna Kozar, Cecelia Kane, Mary Ann Hauer, Phyllis Shope, Loretto Saxton, Mona Dawson, June Williams, Julia Warner, Patricia Rumberger, Dolores Lambert, Josephine Bonfatto, Janet Forsburg.

Miss Sara Risan is at camp and will remain during the six weeks in the capacity as counsellor. Lois Love began camping activities Sunday.

A number of improvements have been made at the camp. Through the efforts of Dr. H. M. Tietz of the College factulty, a solution which lessens the nuisance caused by mosquitoes and other insects has been used. The water in which the Scouts swim has been treated and is kept in a healthful condition at all times.

Mrs. Miller reported that the camp will be filled during the six weeks and the season is expected to be an unusual success. Transportation from Bellefonte to State College is provided by the council or by members of the campers' families and bus facilities are available from there to the camp.

Those girls who expected to be in camp for the period from July 18 to 30 are Malissa Ward, Virginia Miller, Edith Risan and Joy Owens.

LOCAL FARMERS PURCHASE HOLSTEIN-FRESIAN CATTLE

The following purchases of registered Holstein-Fresian cattle by Centre county farmers have been announced.

Two heifers, by Jay H. Runkle of Centre Hall, from Andrew C. Rockey, Bellefonte.

One heifer, by S. R. Ralston of Centre Hall, from Andrew C. Rockey.

One bull, by W. O. Yarnell of Bellefonte, from Andrew C. Rockey.

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Change of Diet

Yestaday w'en da wheestle blow noon
Joe Gregorio lay down hees spade,
An' hee's feedin' heemsal' pretty soon
From dees deener-pail here een da shade.
We'n da 'Merican boss ees com' by
From dat eatin' house ovra da way,
"Deesa costa da feed ees so high,
Eet ees keep a man busted," he say.

"Eet is verra small lunch dat I eat
Som' roas' beef, an' potat' an' pie,
An' a leetla bit sauce for my meat—
But eet's costa me seventy-fi,
An' I donta see how you can pay
For a fooda dat keep you so fat."
"Oh, I mada fine deener," Joe say,
"Wid da onion, da bread an' tomat'."

An' today w'en da wheestle blow noon,
Here's Gregario a-eatin' som' more;
Comes da' 'Merican boss pretta soon
An' he mak' do same speech like bay-fore;
"Some potat' an' cabbage an' ham,
An' som' cream, an' som' peaches," he say,
Dat's all dat I eat but by Sam,
Eet costa me ninety today.

An' you're eatin' da bread an' tomat'
Lika yestaday. My! Eet is strange,
Don' you nevva get tire' of dat
An' taka deeferen' food for a change?"
Sure. Da yestaday's deener," Joe say,
"Was tomat', bread an' onion for me,
But eet's differen' now, for today
I ain'ta eatin' no onion, you see."

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Calling the Boys

A colored aspirant for a commission was being examined.

"And supposing you were in command of a regiment in the field of battle and, in some manner, your men should be scattered over a territory of several miles. How would you collect them?"

"Well, suh," answered the prospective, as he scratched his head, "I think I would take out a paih ob dice and hollah: "Who's dollah bill?"

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Lost His Best Friend

A colored soldier whose hand had been blown off was admitted to a base hospital.

"Nurse," he said, "kin Ah go back to de front tomorrow?"

"Certainly not," said the nurse. "You have lost a hand."

"Dat's why Ah wants to go back, nurse. Ah left mah razor in dat hand."

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Universal Language

A French soldier who came proudly up to an American after the battle in Tunisia, asked: "You spik French?"

"Nope," answered the American, "not yet."

The Frenchman smiled complacently. "Aye spik Engleesh," he said, looking about for some means to show his knowledge. At that moment a French girl, very neat and trim, came along. The Frenchman jerked his head toward her, looked knowingly at the American and said triumphantly: "Chicken."

"Shake," said the Yank, extending his hand. "You don't speak English—you speak American."

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A Little Distant

During the course of a court trial a witness by the name of Francis Dooley was asked concerning the defendant: "Are you related to Thomas Dooley?"

"Very distantly," said Francis. "I was me mother's first child—Thomas was the tenth."

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He Surely Would

"But suppose," said one of the spectators, "that the parachute should fail to open after you had jumped off—what then?"

"That wouldn't stop me," said the parachutist, "I'd come down anyway."

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Lamentation

When God passed out brains
I thought he said trains,
I missed mine.
When God passed out looks
I thought he said books,
I didn't want any.
When God passed out noses
I thought he said roses,
I asked for a big red one.
When God passed out ears
I thought he said beers,
I took two long ones.
When God passed out hips
I thought he said lips,
I asked for two big round ones.
When God passed out legs
I thought he said kegs,
I asked for two short fat ones.
God—Am I a mess . . .

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Life in U. S.—1942-43

The safety razor enabled us to save so much money that we bought a washing machine, which saved so much money that we bought a refrigerator, which saved so much money that we bought an automobile, which saved so much money that we bought a house, which saved so much money that we now own the washing machine outright and have to make only a few more payments on the refrigerator and the automobile and $180 on the house.

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Outdoing Nero

Mussolini second-fiddles while Rome burns.

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How's That?

Extract from co-ed's letter home: "I'm getting fat. I weigh 128 stripped. Of course the scales at the drug store may not be so accurate, but that's what they register."

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Rings and Rings

"If it isn't the door bell or telephone," mumbled a busy Bellefonte housewife last week, "it's the ring around Willie's wrists, neck or the bathtub."

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Where He Was

Motorist—"It's not my fault. He was crossing in the middle of the block."

Policeman—"Don't tell me that. He's lying right here at the street intersection."

Motorist—"Well, he was in the middle of the block when I hit him."

TENDON IS SEVERED

15-year-old Grace Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Miller of near Bloomsburg, was injured late Saturday afternoon when caught in a grain binder. She suffered two severe lacerations of the left leg, with the anterior tendon being sever. She was admitted to the Geisinger Memorial Hospital.

Secretary Ickes says that the wealth of the United States, on a per capita basis, amounts to $89,000. Who would have thunk it?

SNAKE SWALLOWS PHEASANT

Samuel Schreckengast of near Duncansville, Blair county, killed a 54-inch blacksnake last Thursday after the reptile had forced its way through a one-inch mesh wire that surrounds his chicken and pheasant pens. The snake had one of the young pheasants in its throat and mouth at the time it was killed. Mr. Schreckengast pulled the bird out but it was wounded so bad that it died soon after. Another bird had been bitten by the snake and it too died.

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