



Jesse Adler Looks at the NEWS

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Lock Haven Junior High School Teacher Found Dead of Gunshot Wound

Clinton County Coroner, After Investigation, Decides J. Allen Miller Took Own Life While Despondent from Ill Health

J. Allen Miller, 34, science teacher in the Lock Haven Junior High School, was found dead Sunday morning beside his automobile on a back road leading to Swissvale. He had been shot through the heart by means of a 30-caliber Winchester rifle, which was lying beside his body, and Coroner W. J. Shoemaker decided that he had taken his own life and no inquest was necessary.

Police Cannot Seize Gas Books

Police and OPA investigators are not authorized to "spot-lift" gasoline ration books to suspend or modify rationing in any way, according to a special ruling given to the Pittsburgh Motor Club this week by the OPA's enforcement branch in Washington.

Eating Places Must Keep Prices Down

Operators of restaurants, hotels, bar cafes, clubs, delicatessens, soda fountains, boarding houses and all eating and drinking places, the Williamsport District OPA Office emphasized this week, "must not sell any food item, beverage, or meal at prices higher than prices charged between April 4 and April 10."

Fire Destroys Barn

An early morning fire of unknown origin leveled a barn and straw shed on the farm of Mrs. John Hughes, situated along the Benton-Shick-shinny highway in Columbia county. Loss was unofficially estimated at \$3,000. There was no stock or crops in the barn inasmuch as the farm is operated on shares by Robert Gordon.

ODD AND CURIOUS

HENERGETIC

Leonard M. Larsen of Freedom, Neb., is waiting patiently for announcement that the Army-Navy "E" will be presented to one of the hens on his farm. Regularly she lays 5-inch eggs shaped like airplane bombs.

SWIMS AT 84

When Mrs. Susan Leber, 84, of Waynesboro, arrived at a pool, Life Guard Boots Meagher hurried over to help her into the shallow end. "Young man, I'll dive in!" she declared—and she did, into the deep end. She said later she has been swimming since she was 53 years old.

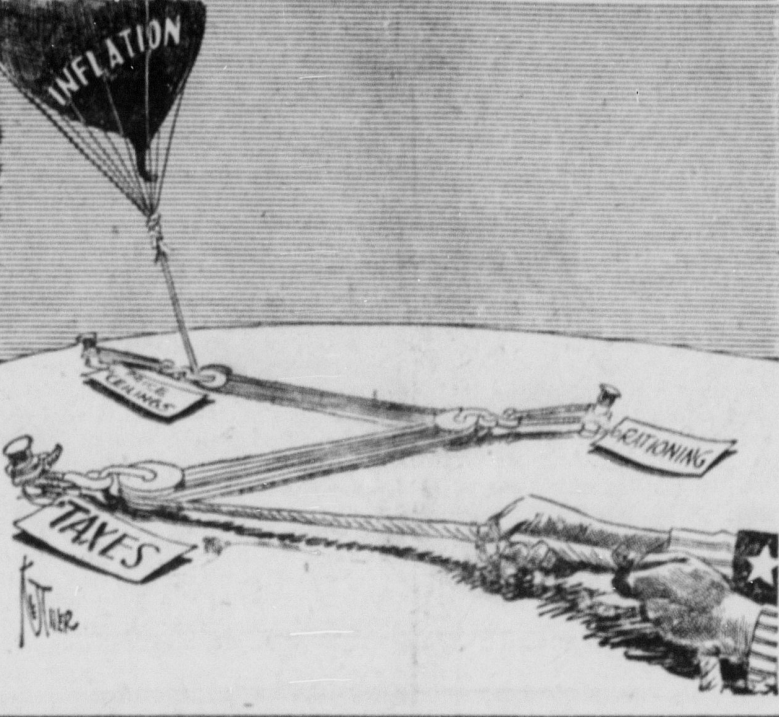
ANSWER NOT LIKELY

The following advertisement which appeared in an Emporium newspaper on Thursday probably will remain unanswered: "If the persons who tried to steal the two calves from my place will return, I'll give them two Colts—44 calibre." The ad was placed by Dr. Leon R. Felt, of Sizerville Road, operator of a sanitarium near Emporium.

CHASES THIEF

Mrs. Adela Apodaca of Los Angeles, has something of the spirit of the Army Chaplain who inspired Frazer, the Lord and Pave the Ammunition, to praise the Lord and then go into action yourself. She was praying in St. Joseph's church when she saw a man steal her purse. She left off praying the Lord, gave chase to the thief, captured him and turned him over to the police.

Holding The Line



PREMIER MUSSOLINI OUSTED IN ITALY; KING TAKES CHARGE

Following the collapse of Premier Mussolini's rule in Italy and his reported subsequent arrest by the Italian government, King Vittorio Emanuele immediately took over the reins of leadership. According to reports, the Italian people went wild with joy on hearing of the downfall of Mussolini and the end of more than 20 years of fascism and years of preparation for war.

Alport Native Fatally Injured Imprisoned Under Truck Which Upset After Striking Tree

John George Beas, 23-year-old native of Alport, near Philadelphia, was killed recently when a truck in which he was riding upset and caught fire in Connecticut. Beas was a son of the late Julius and Isabelle Beas. He was born and raised at Alport. The family home burned down about four years ago and shortly afterwards some of the family members moved to Derby, Conn. He was single. Two brothers, Joseph and Edward, and two sisters survive him.

13 STEERS DIE IN BARN

Thirteen head of beef cattle were destroyed along with sixty tons of hay and feed and three silos when fire, caused by lightning, leveled a large and modern equipped barn on the farm of Harry Brest, abator owner, located directly opposite Meadowview, near Sunbury, last Friday morning. Loss in the blaze was placed at between \$8,000 and \$10,000. The entire structure burst into flames a few minutes after lightning struck, farmers in the vicinity said.

HURT IN PLANE CRASH

Alr Cadet, Beecher B. Bowman, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Bowman, of Orangeville, Columbia county, is confined to St. Luke's Hospital at Utica, N. Y., with injuries received when a burning plane, occupied by an instructor and three student pilots, including Bowman, crashed into a potato field east of Utica airport. Bowman, who jumped just before the plane struck the ground, has a badly bruised back and a swollen eye. Two of the men were seriously burned. The pilots had been based at Hamilton College, Clinton, N. Y.

Snake Hard to Kill

When Mrs. W. B. McLarin entered a cave at her home at Saladasburg a large spotted adder struck at her. Mrs. McLarin called to her grandson, Mac Norman, who cut off two pieces of the snake but it got away in a stone wall. Several days later when Mrs. McLarin went into the cave to get some canned fruit, she stepped on the remaining part of the snake, which was very lively considering the fact that much of it was cut off. Mac again came to the rescue and killed the snake this time.

IS ITALIAN PRISONER

The War Department announced last week that Cpl. Edward T. Sherman, son of Pete Sherman, Lemont, is one of 40 Pennsylvanians held as prisoner of war by Italy. The 40 men are among 312 soldiers held by the Italians.

Prices for Lettuce and Cabbage

According to an announcement by the OPA, the highest retail price that may be charged for lettuce is 12 cents a head weighing approximately 1 pound. The highest retail price for cabbage was fixed at 5 cents a pound.

Two Women, One a Centre County Resident, Achieve Success in Running Farm

One Pays Off \$20,000 Debt In Five Years; Other Builds Up \$25,000 Business of Raising and Selling Turkeys

The following article is taken from the July 21 issue of the Philadelphia Record and is of local interest because of its reference to Mrs. Millie Kepler of Pennsylvania Furnace. Mrs. Kepler is the widow of Chappie Kepler who was a son of the late William Kepler. The story was compiled by Edwin Kemp, farm editor of the Record.

Announce ODT Area Examiners

Robert K. Morgan, district manager of the Motor Transport Division of the Office of Defense Transportation, of Altoona, this week announced several changes in area location of his examiners' personnel. Also, he announced that the locations for the four ODT branch offices have now been selected and examiners chosen for the different area offices, as follows:

\$1,000 Stolen From Lock Haven Store

The Myers farm supply store in Lock Haven was broken into sometime Saturday night and checks and money to the amount of \$1,000 stolen.

Empty Money Bag Found Along Railroad Tracks Short Distance Away

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Workers' Bus Dynamited

An explosion that was heard three miles away resulted as an A.C.F. workers' bus on the Drums section route was dynamited near Berwick. State Police of the Hazleton, barracks are seeking for the man or men who wrecked the bus with the damage estimated at about \$500. The hood was ripped apart and torn from the bus in the explosion. One front tire was ruined, the fenders were damaged, the windshield and most of the windows were broken and damage to the metal body was caused. It is believed that the vehicle can be repaired.

SAW BATTLE OF GETTYSBURG

Five months after celebrating a century of life, Mrs. Margaret H. McClellan died at her home in Gettysburg last week. President Roosevelt and Governor Martin sent her congratulatory letters last April on her 100th birthday anniversary. Mrs. McClellan watched from her front window as the Confederate army marched on Gettysburg in the Civil War and for three days during the Battle of Gettysburg heard the roar of cannons. She was Adam county's oldest resident and the widow of a Civil War veteran.

'Shooting Stars' to Be Seen

In a few weeks many "shooting stars" will be seen in the sky, according to James Stokley of General Electric's Research Laboratory. Mr. Stokley, former director of the Peis Planetarium, says that "we will cross the path of the Perseid meteors about August 12. Around that date as many as 50 to 100 meteors an hour should be seen after midnight." Meteors are commonly called shooting stars, but are actually small bits of celestial dust, which vanish in a flash of light when they encounter the friction of the earth's atmosphere.

SUGAR TO REMAIN RATIONED

The Office of Price Administration intends to keep sugar on the ration list, at least for the time being, an OPA rationing official said Sunday. Speaking on the Blue network program "This Is Official," Martin Hill said that no change is contemplated at this time. President Roosevelt recently had suggested it might be possible to remove sugar from ration controls because of the improvement in imports.

SISTERS JOIN SERVICE

The Misses Betty and Jane Rank, twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. William Rank, of Watsonstown, visited Philadelphia last Tuesday, where they were examined and accepted for service in the Marine Corps. They are to leave in the middle of September to begin training at New River, N. C.

INFANT SMOTHERED TO DEATH

Edwina, 1-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin A. Ziegler, of Gainesville, Fla., smothered to death Saturday while sleeping with her mother at a tourist camp near Gettysburg. The family, including two other daughters, stopped overnight while en route to Loganport by automobile to visit Mrs. Ziegler's mother.

WAGON

Remember the old Brookville farm wagons which used to be popular in this area? At the Edward L. Heaton farm, on July 17, along the Moose Run Road, a Brookville wagon which Mr. Heaton bought 32 years ago from the late John G. Dubbs, Bellefonte implement dealer, for \$75 cash, was sold for \$55. The wagon was in excellent condition, having received good care during its lifetime. Mr. Heaton, who lost only \$20 in the deal, had the use of the wagon for 32 years for an average cost of only 63 cents a year. At the same rate you could "rent" a \$1,000 automobile for about \$2.38 a year, which would be nice work if you could get it.

CONSISTENCY

Wish one hand of the Government would keep better track of what the other hand is doing. Right now, while we're cautioned to save metal wherever possible and to turn in all scrap metal at the postoffice department, has launched a drive for the erection of mail boxes along rural routes. Mail boxes are made of metal.

QUESTION

Is it true that there's some connection between report that air cadets at the Bellefonte airport just can't seem to keep from hovering over the Hughes swimming pool, and the fact that there is no roof over the bath houses?

VANDALISM

Sometimes we almost lose faith in humanity. Bellefonte's business men and merchants went to considerable expense and trouble several weeks ago to provide beach umbrellas and chairs for the use of swimmers and spectators at the Postoffice pool. Some of the chairs and umbrellas have been broken—some have been stolen. We recommend a public horse-whipping on the Diamond for any person caught in such acts of vandalism.

COMPLAINT

A reader asks "why are all the chairs and umbrellas and the sand at Hughes pool placed near the deep end of the pool? Why aren't some chairs, umbrellas and sand placed at the shallow end where the youngsters swim and play and where the oldest who watch them must stay?"

MISCELLANEOUS

A stooge, probably with a little malice aforethought, wonders why some residents of East Linn street drive across Wilson street to Bluff street when coming down town? Some days instead of driving the short way down Linn street. "It is because the Ration Board chairman lives at the foot of Linn street?" the stooge asks.

MUSSOLINI

It's queer how fast a man can fall from grace. Only last week Mussolini was slipping, but still he was regarded as the powerful head of the Italian nation. Overnight he was "broken" and now we look at him already as being nothing more than a character in history. Hitler will fall just as fast. Overnight he will tumble from ruler of the supermen to nothing but a moustached little man wondering what happened all of a sudden. But the evil that pair of would-be gods caused will live long in the world.

ROME BOMBED

When the Allied Nations' bombers carefully dumped tons of bombs on Rome last week it proved that Axis leaders are no longer can hide powerful military installations in the center of the Eternal City, expecting them to be spared from destruction because of the danger of damaging religious shrines and landmarks. The raid, most of all, proved the strength of the Allies. It takes plenty of strength to announce beforehand that you're going to bomb your enemy's capital, warning the enemy of what is coming and giving him a chance to prepare his strongest defense. In spite of that the Allies (Continued on page 12)

FARM QUESTION BOX by ED W. MITCHELL, Farm Advisor, General Electric Station WGT

- Q. What causes a black, dry rot on the bottom of tomatoes? A. Some of it is due to "potato blight." An occasional dust or spray of bordeaux will help control it, but some is caused by weather, sun scald and soil conditions, and cannot be remedied. Q. What will get rid of lice in a garden? A.—If they are plant lice or aphids the remedy is Black leaf 40. I suspect, however, they are tiny black flea beetles, and a spray of dust of bordeaux and arsenate of lead is the proper remedy. Q. How and at what time of year should a grape vine be pruned? A. During winter when it is entirely dormant. Cut back to four arms two feet long and four stubs of one bud each for renewal arms the following season. Save this from the best wood of the past season's growth. Q. Do you know of any substitutes for flushing mash for chicks? A. The flushing mash is usually 50 per cent dried skim milk, so if you can get skim milk or buttermilk that is the best substitute. Lacking two other daughters, stopped overnight while en route to Loganport by automobile to visit Mrs. Ziegler's mother. —Buy Bonds for future needs.