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## EDITORIAL

### OPENING A SECOND FRONT

While the United Nations have not opened a "second front" that meets the definition and desires of Joseph Stalin, the democracies have rendered considerable assistance to the Soviet.

The United States and Great Britain have contributed greatly to the fighting power of the Red Army by sending thousands of tanks, planes and guns. Enormous tonnages of supplies have been sent to Soviet Russia despite the peril of enemy attack.

In addition, the steadily increasing aerial bombardment of Germany has compelled the Luftwaffe to withdraw some of its squadrons from the Eastern front. London officials suggest that over half of the German fighter squadrons and probably one-fourth of Nazi bomber formations are concentrated throughout Northwestern Europe.

This represents considerable assistance. In London, the total of enemy strength is estimated at 4,100 combat planes. Of these, probably 2,000 are in Northwestern Europe and Western Germany, 1,100 in Russia and about 900 in the Mediterranean sector.

In addition, the campaign in Tunisia, followed by the offensive against Sicily, has disposed of more than half a million Axis soldiers. It has almost eliminated Italy from the war and weakened the Axis hold upon the Balkan States.

The threat in the Mediterranean area compels Germany to devote serious attention to its defenses, which weakens the Teutonic effort in Russia. While the Soviet bears the bulk of the war against Germany, it is receiving aid in the form of materials, the aerial offensive and the campaign in the Mediterranean.

If, in addition to these activities, the Anglo-Americans open an attack in Northern France of sufficient magnitude to compel Germany to withdraw troops from Russia, the burden of the war would shift from Russia to the democracies.

While this development is inevitable in the course of the struggle against the Axis, we do not believe that Stalin or the Soviet Government have any just cause to be suspicious of the democracies, although it is easily possible to understand why the Soviet is anxious to be relieved of some of the burdens of the war.

### DRAFT THEM AND CURE THEM

Just a week ago, in connection with the discussion of the probable draft of fathers, attention was called to the fact that the Army has rejected almost one million men for illiteracy.

In addition, Surgeon-General Parran estimates that 6.1 per cent of the first draftees were rejected for venereal disease. With seven million men in the Army, this means that more than four hundred thousand potential soldiers are out of service for this reason.

We are inclined to believe that the Army should draft these men and cure them. They should not be exempted from military service because of a disease that can be cured. Moreover, they would not be any more dangerous in the Army than they are, scattered among the civilians of the nation.

These figures indicate that close to one million five hundred thousand men, exclusive of mothers, are out of the Army because of illiteracy and venereal disease. Calling them into service would do much to prevent the necessity of drafting fathers.

### YOUR HEALTH

From 5 to 10 per cent of the population suffer at some time from allergy. Allergy is no longer a rare word. Everybody is familiar with the word and knows it commonly refers to hay fever, asthma, migraine or eczema.

Probably there has always been as much allergy as at present, but it was not recognized as such.

Asthma used to be blamed on some miasmatic germ.

Now we know it is usually caused by a dust or pollen or food or other substance to which the sufferer is allergic.

"Rose fever" is neither a fever nor is it caused by roses.

It occurs when roses are in bloom but is caused by air borne pollen of spring grasses.

Allergic persons are usually otherwise normal.

If they can avoid the food, pollen, dust or other substance to which they are sensitized, they are as healthy as anybody else.

Contact of the offending agent produces different reactions.

If the irritation is manifest in the skin the patient usually has hives or a skin eruption known as eczema.

When it affects the nose and eyes, as with ragweed pollen, it is called hay fever.

If the bronchial tubes are concerned, the difficulty in breathing is called asthma.

When the stomach or intestines are disturbed by the offending agent, the patient has indigestion or diarrhea.

Periodic sick or bilious headaches known as migraines result when the brain is involved.

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### Centre County Hospital Notes

#### Monday of Last Week

Discharged: Calvin Coble, Oak Hill Station; Mrs. Glenn N. Thiel and infant son, State College; Mrs. Victor Schaeffer and infant daughter, Bellefonte, R. D.  
Admitted Monday, discharged on Tuesday: Mrs. Roy W. Grubb, Bellefonte; Jay Watson, Milesburg; Maxwell Ross, State College.  
Admitted Monday, discharged on Wednesday: Elsie Rogus, Clarence.  
Births: a son to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Decker, of Spring Mills, R. D. 1; a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Leamer Lyons, of Bellefonte.

#### Tuesday of Last Week

Admitted: Harold Bish, of Fleming; Mrs. Blaine Mabius, Bellefonte.  
Discharged: Mrs. Harry C. Hackenberg, Centre Hall, R. D., and Geo. Young, Bellefonte.  
Births: a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. George Decker, of State College; a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Chester Coakley, of Bellefonte, R. D. 3; a son to Mr. and Mrs. Willard Robinson, State College.

#### Wednesday of Last Week

Admitted: George E. Young, Bellefonte; Mrs. Robert B. Rutherford, State College.  
Discharged: Mrs. LeRoy Hockenberry and infant daughter, Bellefonte, R. D. 3; Blair L. Bum-barger and infant son, Wingate; Claude Corl, Bellefonte, R. D. 1; Mrs. George J. Dolan, Bellefonte, R. D. 3; Mrs. Harold Hart and infant daughter, State College.  
Admitted Wednesday, discharged on Thursday: Nancy Gingham, Bellefonte, and Harold Coakley, Bellefonte, R. D. 1.

#### Thursday of Last Week

Expired: Philip P. Shaw, Bellefonte.  
Admitted Thursday, discharged on Saturday: Duane Green, State College.  
Friday  
Discharged: Miss Helen C. Waterbury, Wilmington, Del.  
Admitted Friday, discharged Saturday: Clifford H. Yorks, Jr., Bellefonte.

Births: twin children, a son and daughter, were born to Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Bluer, of Pleasant Gap; a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Warren R. Beck, of State College; a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Ward Sampson, of Bellefonte, R. D. 3.  
Saturday  
Admitted: Howard S. Coleman, Jr., State College; Joseph Malloy, State College.  
Discharged: Mrs. Alfred Manwiller and infant son, State College; LeRoy Martin, Bellefonte.  
Admitted Saturday, discharged the following day: Guy Igen, Spring Mills, R. D. 2; Miss Betty Coaler, State College, R. D. 1; Donald Cook, State College, R. D. 1; Robert Steele, State College, R. D. 1.  
Births: a son to Mr. and Mrs. James A. Delaney, of Centre Hall, R. D.; a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. James A. Newman, of Milesburg.

#### Sunday

Admitted: Mrs. Wilbur F. Breon, Bellefonte, R. D. 2.  
Discharged: Mrs. Harold Moyer, Bellefonte, R. D. 2.  
Births: a son to Mr. and Mrs. Ibra F. Breon, Bellefonte, R. D. 1; a son to Mr. and Mrs. John S. Gingrich, of Lemont.  
There were 52 patients in the hospital at the beginning of this week.

#### ORVISTON

There were 110 present at Sunday school.  
The Win-One class met at the home of Mrs. Clair Heickel on Tuesday night for their regular monthly meeting.  
Mr. and Mrs. Claude Lucas of Salona, and Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Miller of Altoona, spent Monday with Mrs. Susan Emehizer.  
Pfc. Harry Lomison, with the U. S. Army in Nebraska, spent the past week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Lomison, after which he reports to Camp Shenango, Pa.  
Cpl. LeRoy Walker of Orlando Air Base, Orlando, Fla., is spending a ten-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Walker.

Charles Lucas, Jack and Marjorie Lucas, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lomison, Dick and Blanche Lomison, Rebecca Confer, Patty Gillespie, Vonda Condo and Dick Packer attended a Young People's convention at Fardandville on Saturday afternoon and evening.  
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lomison and daughter Ann, spent Sunday afternoon and evening with Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Wenzel at Milesburg.  
The people of the Orviston church held a welcome reception for the new minister, Rev. and Mrs. Booth, in the social rooms of the church. They received some nice gifts and a donation of vegetables and other things to eat.  
Mr. and Mrs. Lester Rhoads are the proud parents of a baby girl, born in the Lock Haven Hospital on Sunday morning.  
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Packer and two children of Lock Haven, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. George Walker.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Thompson, son Eugene and daughter Mrs. Frank Confer, visited friends and relatives at Port Matilda, R. D., Sunday.  
Mr. and Mrs. Jit Smith and their daughter spent several days the past week with Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Gillespie.  
Mrs. Doris Shady spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ray Shady at Monument.

Despite our grumbling we hardly know what a war diet looks like.

### Query & Answer Column

**F. C.**—What is the meaning of the name Poland?  
Ans.—The name of Poland means "land of fields." It has been called Mother of Sorrow.  
**D. E. D.**—Is the German minister of propaganda, Goebbels, crippled?  
Ans.—Doctor Goebbels has a clubfoot.  
**D. C. L.**—What was the honor recently conferred on Chiang Kai-shek by General Stilwell?  
Ans.—The American Order of the Legion of Merit, established by George Washington, was conferred on Chiang Kai-shek on the sixth anniversary of the Japanese invasion of China.  
**T. F. A.**—Are any wild animals found in Egypt?  
Ans.—Wild animals in Egypt are few in variety. They include the jackal, fox, hyena, wolf, wild boar, a form of lynx, gazelle, coney and Pharaoh's rat.

**M. O. I.**—Of what material is a submarine periscope?  
Ans.—A submarine periscope is made of stainless steel.  
**S. T. O.**—Do fish drink?  
Ans.—Fish never drink water. They get enough moisture with their food.  
**R. J. B.**—Is rayon made from cotton?  
Ans.—Rayon is a synthetic fabric, made from cellulose, which is derived from cotton-bull waste or wood pulp. There are several types of rayon.  
**C. G. H.**—When was coffee first drunk in this country?  
Ans.—In 1668 the people of New Amsterdam began to drink coffee instead of beer at breakfast.  
**W. C. M.**—How long did it take Lt. Col. Lovelace to reach the ground after bailing out of his plane at 40,200 feet?  
Ans.—He drifted to earth in 23 minutes and 51 seconds.  
**E. B.**—Does the cork oak grow in this country?  
Ans.—Scattered cork oaks are to be found in California and in other Southern States from plantings made between 1850 and 1860 of Spanish acorns distributed by the Patent Office. No source of natural cork in commercial quantities exists outside the Mediterranean region.

**P. N. B.**—Is it true that birds eat more than their weight in food in a day?  
Ans.—Birds consume large quantities of food in proportion to their size. A robin once was fed all the earthworms it would eat. It was found at the end of the experiment that it had consumed some 14 feet of worms in one day.  
**T. H. M.**—In what year did the Russian Fleet visit the United States?  
Ans.—Six Russian warships under Rear Admiral Lisovski arrived in New York in September, 1863, and in October six more under Rear Admiral Popov anchored at San Francisco. Their arrival was supposedly a demonstration against England and France, which were sympathetic to the Confederacy.  
**T. L. R.**—Do the South American countries normally trade more with the United States than with Europe?  
Ans.—Before the war, the Latin American countries did about half of their trading with Europe, and a third with the United States.  
**L. M.**—What do the letters D. E. M. L. mean in a soldier's address?  
Ans.—The War Department says that the initials D. E. M. L. in a soldier's address stand for Detached Enlisted Men's List.

**P. C. F.**—Please give the monthly pay of soldiers in other armies compared with that of the United States.  
Ans.—It is estimated that the base monthly pay of a private soldier is: United States, \$50; Germany, \$21.60; Great Britain, \$12.20; Russia, \$4; Italy, \$15; Japan, 30 cents.  
**A. F. D.**—Is it true that 90 per cent of the world's oil is produced in the United States?  
Ans.—The Bureau of Mines says for several years the United States has produced approximately two-thirds of the world production of petroleum. In 1942 the United States production was 1,385,000,000 barrels and the estimated world production was 2,063,000,000 barrels.  
**R. D.**—What was the record time for laying track when the first railroads were built?  
Ans.—According to S. Kip Farrington, Jr., "In one day the sweating gangs of the Central Pacific laid 10 miles and 1800 feet of steel—144 feet a minute—between sun and sun, a record never since equaled."

**W. L. D.**—Please explain the terms 2-thread, 3-thread, etc., used in reference to hose.  
Ans.—During the first steps in the manufacture of silk hosiery the fine strands of silk in each skein are wound on spools. Then eight to 12 of these fine strands are twisted into a single thread. The number of these threads that are then twisted together to make the yarn used in knitting the stocking determines whether it is a 2, 3, etc., thread stocking.  
**K. D. E.**—During what years were the most former Presidents living?  
Ans.—Between March 4, 1861, when Abraham Lincoln took the oath and January 18, 1862, when John Tyler died, five were living. They were Martin Van Buren, John Tyler, Millard Fillmore, Franklin Pierce and James Buchanan.  
**M. D.**—What is the average rate of total precipitation for the world as a whole?  
Ans.—There is enough humidity in the atmosphere all the time to make a layer of water at least an inch deep over the entire earth. The average rate of the total precipitation, and, of course, also the rate of evaporation, is approximately 16,000,000 tons per second, enough to cover the whole earth in the course of one year with a layer of water three feet deep.

**D. R.**—How much oil is consumed every day?  
Ans.—According to a recent report, production and consumption are running at the rate of four million barrels a day.

### How Pennsylvania Helps Exceptional Children

(This is the third of a series of articles by Dr. Eugene McDonald, Supervisor of Special Education for Centre and Clinton counties.)  
**THE VISUALLY HANDICAPPED CHILD**  
Practically all learning requires that messages get from the outside world to the brain. These messages travel largely through the senses of hearing and seeing. If a condition exists which impairs the functioning of these senses messages to the brain will not get through as they should and the child will have difficulty in learning. The near-sighted child, for example, is handicapped when he tries to read from the blackboard and the far-sighted child has difficulty reading from his books.  
A great many public school children have impaired vision and many of these children are unaware of their difficulties. Many far-sighted children dislike reading without realizing that the cause for their dislike for reading lies in the great effort they must make in order to see the print clearly. Some visual difficulties are easily observed while others can be discovered only by a thorough eye examination. Any of these difficulties may be an important factor in academic retardation.

In general there are three types of helps for the visually handicapped: glasses or medical treatment, sight saving classes and schools for the blind.  
Many eye difficulties are correctable by the wearing of properly fitted glasses. However, parents frequently "put off" taking their children to the eye doctor. Others don't seem to understand the seriousness of a visual problem. For example, take the case of Walter. He was a bright boy but wasn't doing well in school. A school examination revealed that he was so near-sighted that he had to get within five feet of the blackboard in order to read what was on it. Yet Walter's father insisted that he could read if he tried and that his trouble was just a habit. Five home visits were made before Walter's father was persuaded to get him his glasses. Walter is now one of the best pupils in his class.  
The visual handicap of some children are of such a nature that school adjustments in addition to glasses and medical attention will be needed to provide them with a satisfactory school program. Children of this type must be provided with sight-saving materials. These consist of books printed in large type, special non-glare paper, special pencils, etc. Large, well-made magnifying glasses have proved useful in aiding these children to read ordin-

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Dear Son:

Your father and I laughed so hard over your letter about the clothing that the week's laundry was increased by two handkerchiefs. Evidently, clothes not only make the man but can make a sap out of him.

I just wish you'd give me the full name and address of all of your superiors. I'd like to tell them a thing or two about the clothes they give you.

Why, for 2c I'd go out and buy you an outfit and if your C. O. boss complained, I would threaten to take you out of the army. That's the trouble with all those army brass-hats. They've been accustomed to getting their own way.

It seems to me when a decent, clean, upright young man is patriotic enough to enlist, he ought to have all his clothes tailor-made.

But, son, don't think I'm trying to butt in. Goodness knows, I've got enough trouble getting clothes to fit me on account of my increased weight. Which also reminds me that I bought the cutest hat just this week. I figured you'd be getting a furlough one of these days, and I didn't want you to see me in that old hat I wore when you went away.

Your father just came in and I must close. When he told me he wanted to be remembered, I got a whiff of liquor which leads me to suspect that he was out all afternoon looking for a job, or vice-versa.

Much love,  
MOM.

**It Might Be**  
For your information we beg to state that a bee's sting is only 1-32 of an inch long. The other two feet is purely imagination.

**Pat's Fight**  
Mike—"Sorry to hear you were in a free-for-all fight, Pat."  
Pat—"Free for all, did you say? Sure, and it cost me \$10 and costs in court."

**One-End Affair**  
Mrs. Battleford, who had two sons in the Navy and a daughter in the WAVES, was visiting a farm when she saw a young man of draft age milking a cow.  
"Young man," she snapped, "Why aren't you at the front?"  
"Cos' there ain't any milk at that end," came the calm answer.

**Pen Pictures of Stupor Men**  
**PAUL JOSEPH GOEBBELS**  
Paul Joseph Goebbels was born in Rheydt, October 29, 1897, of poor but thoroughly disgraced parents.

Paul is referred to as "Doctor," no doubt because he is bad medicine. He is also known by several other titles, but because of the postal laws we are unable to name them here.

He has limped since birth, but it hasn't affected his tongue. When he was only five months old, he made such vile cracks his mother made him brush his teeth, but the moment the brushes came in contact with his tongue they exploded. Ever since he has used asbestos-covered sandpaper.

In 1922, he happened to stroll into a beer joint where Adolf Schickelgruber was delivering one of his wet speeches. And love was born again. From then on they were as chummy as a couple of murderers sitting in the same electric chair.

Since 1933, the "Doc" has been Germany's Minister of Propaganda and Public Enlightenment. Over here that's equivalent to a long-tailed mangy rat.

Paul says you can make a man believe anything if you tell him in the right way. That's why he listens to his own voice on the phonograph, so he can convince himself.

Once he spent three days thinking out two words for a war poster. That's insignificant though, when you consider that he has spent several years thinking up one suitable name for him.

**He Counted 'Em**  
Oscar, the mess-cook, came to town on his semi-annual drunk. While making a rather round-the-clock trip from one saloon to another, his foot slipped and he rolled ingloriously into the gutter where he lay staring up at the sky until his head cleared.

Just then a beautiful girl started across the street through the storm. The wind snatched at her lacy dress and whipped it to and fro. Oscar's eyes bulged.  
"Hah!" he exclaimed wonderingly. "Lady, you got two ver' beautiful legs."  
"How do you know?" snapped the girl.  
"Because," replied Oscar, brightly, "Ay ban count 'em."

**No Demonstrations**  
Mechanical Engineer—"Do you know what 'knee action' is in a car?"  
She—"Yes, and don't you try it!"

**Self Defense**  
You shouldn't curse, you shouldn't cry  
If grapefruit squirts you in the eye.  
In fairness, now, you must admit—  
It's pure defense—you started it.

**She's Nosey**  
Have you heard of the Scotch girl who powdered her nose with a marshmallow before she ate it?

**Foot Note**  
When a woman's toe sticks out of her shoe, she's fashionable.  
When a man's toe sticks out, he's a bum.

**Our Dizzy Want Ad Column**  
FOR SALE—Great Dane. Will eat anything; very fond of children.  
FOR SALE—Beautiful French provincial chifferney by a lady with beehood drawers.  
FOR SALE—Drunken Fife Table; other antiques.  
EXCHANGE—Hips got too Mac Westie. Bought two pairs of reducing trunks. One did the work, will swap other for what have you in cook books?

**Stretching It Out**  
Hotel Clerk—"Pardon me, Mister, but how did you happen to be named John B. B. Bronson?"  
Patron—"I was christened by a minister who stuttered."

That's all, folks. The Jap isn't totally dumb. He's found out that he cannot hiss through his teeth at a doughboy, and keep them, too.  
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