

Jesse Adler Looks at the NEWS

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Son of Former Bellefonte Family Fatally Shoots Self at Brother's Home

Gilbert L. McNeal Commits Suicide at Philip McNeal's Residence in Tyrone; Left Note Indicating Intention to Die

Gilbert LeRoy McNeal, aged 33, son of David and Edith (Fasick) McNeal, former Bellefonte residents who moved from this place to Tyrone a number of years ago, committed suicide at the home of his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Philip McNeal, with whom he had been living, about 2 o'clock Friday afternoon. The victim succeeded in ending his life with a 16-gauge shotgun.

His body was found with the side of the face blown off, lying in a pool of blood on the rear porch of the

McNeal home by the brother at about 3 o'clock. Philip McNeal came home from work about 3 o'clock and found a note on the kitchen table written by his brother. The note indicated that the man was going to take his own life and Philip McNeal immediately started in search of his brother.

Walking out on the back porch he found the body. He immediately notified the Tyrone police department. Officers Robert Bliger and Ted Feiler, who made a preliminary investigation. Deputy Coroner Guy Shope came to the scene shortly afterwards and pronounced the death of McNeal as suicide. In making inquiry in the neighborhood police were unable to find any persons who had heard the discharge of the gun.

Gilbert LeRoy McNeal was born in Bellefonte, February 14, 1910. His mother was the daughter of the late Jeremiah Fasick, a former well known house painter. About eleven years ago Gilbert was married to Grace Pennoce, of Milton.

He is survived by his wife and three brothers and sisters: Philip McNeal, Mrs. Harry Lannen, Mrs. Eugene Sheets, Tyrone; Joseph McNeal, Wilmering; Robert McNeal, Wisconsin; Mrs. Ralph Lonner, Vail, and Mrs. W. A. Root, Wall.

Revival Meeting

Revival services will be held in the Coleville Pilgrim Holiness church beginning October 24 and extending to November 7. Rev. H. E. Uhrig, of Reading, will speak each night at 7:45, and Sunday morning at 10:45.

Special vocal and instrumental music will be furnished by Miss Beatrice Zimmerman, of Sunbury. A hearty welcome is extended to all. E. E. Hostetter, pastor.

Observes 71st Birthday With Ohio Relatives

A birthday party in honor of John H. Crossmyer of Curtin, Centre county, was held in Cleveland, Ohio, October 9th. A luscious dinner was served at 6 p. m. Saturday at the Old Fashioned Kitchen on Shaw avenue. After dinner was served the evening was spent at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. Fritz on Hayden avenue, enjoying moving pictures.

A large cake containing seventy-one candles was cut by the guest of honor and coffee was served.

Those present were: Mr. Crossmyer's two sisters, Mrs. Catherine Fuller, of Spencer, Ohio, and Mrs. Blanche Glenn, of Cleveland, Ohio, and six of his eight children, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Steele, Mrs. Aurell Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Crossmyer, Mr. and Mrs. Rhinehold Fritz, all of Cleveland, and Mrs. Walter Butler, of Curtin. Also present was Mrs. Mary Sinner, of New York City, who is visiting her sister, Mrs. Donald Crossmyer. Mr. Crossmyer was presented with several nice gifts and a good time was had by all.

Church Anniversary

A program of special services in the Methodist church at Flemington began Monday evening and will extend for two weeks marking the 40th anniversary of the present church building and the 75th anniversary of the establishment of Methodism in the town. The first Methodist church in Flemington was erected in 1870 and dedicated in 1871. This building was later sold to the congregation of the Church of Christ. A second church was built in 1885 on Houston street and dedicated in 1887. Under the Rev. D. M. Grover the present building was erected in 1902 and dedicated the next year free of debt. Improvements costing \$6,000 have been completed, leaving \$350 unpaid which the board desires to raise by Oct. 31 so that the mortgage can be burned at the closing service.

Hero's Widow Marries

Mrs. Colin P. Kelly, Jr., widow of the nation's first air hero of the war, and Lt. (j.g.) J. Watson Pedlow were married Friday at Crozierville, Pa. Three-year-old Corky Kelly, whose father died when bombs from his plane sank the Japanese battleship Haruna early in the war, participated during the ceremony, sitting with his grandfather, Colin P. Kelly, Sr.

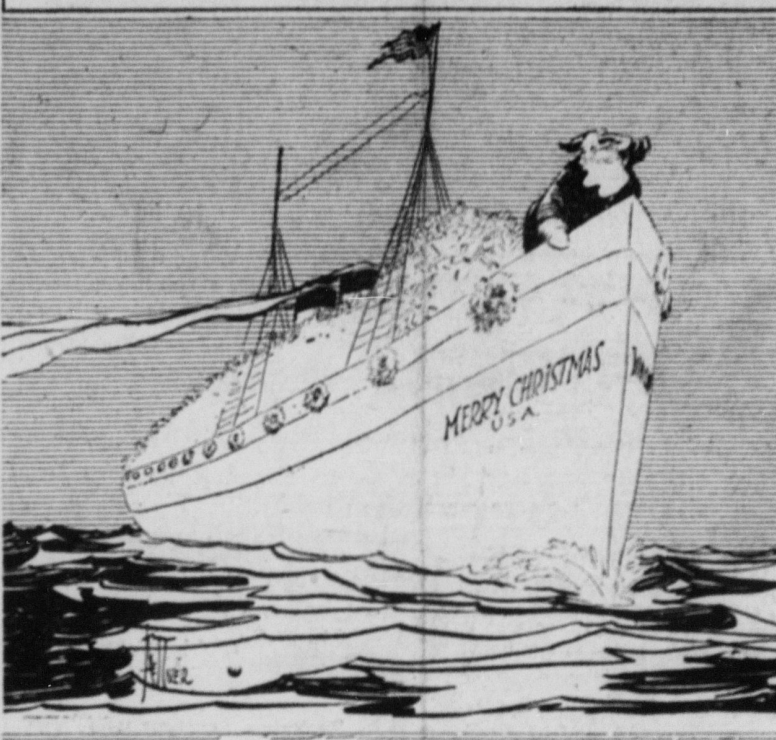
Commissioned Captain

Hugh R. Green, Jr., whose home is in Phillipsburg, was commissioned a captain on September 21, 1943, at Sicily. Captain Green has been in the U. S. forces for two years and two months. He served three months in the United States, eight months in Iceland, ten months in Africa and is now in Sicily.

Sweet Tooth Fatal

A 200-pound black bear's sweet tooth and lack of fear for a woman cost it its life. Mrs. Leona Lyon of Emporium, annoyed by raids of three brunis upon the beehives of her brother, Edwin Anderson, laid in wait with a rifle and destroyed one of them with a shot. She said the bear had destroyed more than 500 pounds of honey and knocked over considerable equipment.

Anchors Aweigh



Plane Destroyed In Garage Fire

Lock Haven Man's Experimental Shop Burns; \$5,000 Loss

The fire of undetermined origin which burned a home-made airplane and the interior of the garage at the Harry T. Miller home in Lock Haven last Wednesday night caused a \$5,000 fire loss, less than a fourth covered by insurance.

Mr. Miller had an experimental shop in his garage, and had just finished making the plane three hours before its destruction. Tools, welding equipment, an air compressor and paint were also destroyed.

Mr. Miller, an employee of the Piper Aircraft Corporation, is a partner in a machine shop at 18 Corning street, and states that he expects to open another experimental shop as soon as he can find a location. Some damage was done to the building nearby, owned by Gerald Grieco, East Clinton street.

Four Injured In Car-Truck Crash

\$1,500 Damage Results From Accident at Jersey Shore

One person was rather seriously injured and three others received minor bruises in an accident which occurred in Jersey Shore Wednesday night of last week when the car driven by Vivian Kauffman of Millroy, collided with a coal truck owned by James S. Bodie of Williamsport, and driven by Bodie's son, Franklin.

Damage was estimated at \$1,500. Miss Kauffman, who was driving a car owned by Mrs. Ralph Hosterman of Lock Haven, is said to have failed to stop at the stop sign at the corner of Broad and Allegheny streets and drove into the path of the coal truck going east on Allegheny.

Occupants of the car were Miss June Pecht, 18, of Millroy, who was taken to the Jersey Shore Hospital suffering from a concussion; Miss Beatrice Showers, 18, of Pottsville, and Miss Velma and Miss Josephine Mowery, of Jersey Shore, R. D. All are employees of the Piper Aircraft Company in Lock Haven with the exception of Velma Mowery.

The Lock Haven group had driven to Jersey Shore for a ride and shortly before the accident occurred had picked up the Mowery sisters at their home.

Vail Man Hangs Self In Hencoop

Clair Nearhoof Takes Own Life After Period of Ill Health

Clair Nearhoof, aged about 45, of Vail, north of Tyrone, committed suicide just after dinner time Monday by hanging himself with a wire to the rafters of a chicken coop some distance from his home.

He had not been in good health for some time and was believed to be dependent.

While his wife was doing her work in the house he went to the chicken coop. When she missed him she started a search and found him in the coop. She immediately notified Blair County Coroner Chester C. Rothrock, who went to the scene and viewed the body. How long Nearhoof had been dead is not clear but according to the story told to the coroner it could not have been very long time.

There was nothing to indicate that Mr. Nearhoof had contemplated suicide for any extended period and it is probable that he acted on a sudden impulse.

He is survived by his wife.

Complete Investigation of Mishap at College

State College police last week completed investigation of an accident October 10 in which Warren Pyle, 10, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh G. Pyle, of 743 N. McKee street, State College, was injured when struck by a car. John Juba, chief of police, said the car was operated by Edward M. Barner of Altoona.

The youth who was riding a bicycle received an injury to his right foot and a possible fracture of one of the bones. He was treated at the College infirmary. Chief Juba said the accident occurred when the driver of the car failed to observe a traffic signal.

We have a slight suspicion that the United Nations are over-stimulating the fighting capacity of the enemies.

Two Men Face Charges Of Beating Supervisor Of CAB At Lock Haven

Victim of Assault Claims Two Lock Haven, R. D. Young Men Pounced Upon Him Saturday Night Without Provocation

Monday's Lock Haven Express gives the following account of a brutal assault committed in that city Saturday night:

David Allison, 22, and Herbert Spang, 27, both of Lock Haven, R. D., were arrested late Monday morning by Deputy Sheriff Wilson Burnell on charges of assault and battery and committed to the county jail, where they are being held pending a hearing before Alderman Max J. Lipetz.

The case is the outcome of an alleged unprovoked attack shortly after midnight Saturday by the two young men upon Jack Bagon, CAB district ground school supervisor, who has been located here about two weeks. The naval cadets at the Teachers' College are under Mr. Bagon's supervision, as well as cadets at other institutions in this area, including Bloomsburg Teachers College.

Beaten By Two Men Mr. Bagon told the police he had just left the Fallon Hotel and started to walk east on Water street. Allison had his car parked in front of the hotel and he was sitting there with Spang when Mr. Bagon came out. As the latter passed the parked car, the two young men jumped out and started to hit him. Bagon attempted to run away from them

so they got in Allison's car and started after him. Bagon turned around then and started toward his room at 104 W. Water street. When Allison and Spang saw this, they stopped the car and ran over to the man, hamstringing him unmercifully until he fell to the sidewalk, in front of the hotel. While he lay there, they continued to kick him in the stomach and over his body, and then left him there, according to the account of witnesses who furnished

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The automobile was driven by Lawrence H. Lowery of Mackeyville and the mishap occurred at the intersection of Water and Church streets at 5:15 p. m.

State Police said that Lowery was driving north on Water street and that he reported that Miller was riding his bicycle across the bridge. Expecting Miller to remain on the right side of the street, Lowery drove his car toward the center of the road preparatory to making a turn, but Miller continued on and the collision occurred. No arrest was made.

Honey-Loving Black Bear Shot

Sister of State College Professor Brings Down Intruder

A honey-loving black bear will no longer ride the Ridgway beehives of Prof. Edwin J. Anderson, of State College.

The 200-pound brute died of wounds after he was shot by Prof. Anderson's sister, Mrs. Leona Lyon, Emporium, last week. Mrs. Lyon was forced to shoot the bear in self-defense when it boldly approached within 25 feet of her. She used a 32 special.

Over 500 pounds of honey was eaten or destroyed by the sweet-toothed bear, who made a shambles of the apiary, wrecking much valuable equipment.

Coburn Couple Is Married 50 Years

Mr. and Mrs. Frank S. Musser, of Coburn, affectionately known to many people as "Grammy and Grampy Musser," celebrated their golden wedding anniversary Sunday, Oct. 10, at their home. They were guests of honor at an informal reception given them by their children: Mrs. Harry Ulrich, of Bellefonte; Charles F. Musser, of Milliflora; and Mrs. George Mizell, of Hagerstown, Md.

Mr. and Mrs. Musser were married at the home of Mrs. Musser's sister, Mrs. James High, in Lock Haven, by the Rev. C. E. Gruber. Mrs. Musser's wedding dress was gray and on her fifth anniversary she wore a rose dress with a single yellow rose pinned on her shoulder.

Mr. and Mrs. Musser received many lovely gifts and greetings. A note of interest lies in the fact that the miniature bride and bridegroom decorating the wedding cake had been used three times before for wedding cakes in the family.

All members of the immediate family were present except one grandson, Dick Harry Ulrich, of Bellefonte, who is present in the Air Force "Somewhere in England." Scores of relatives and friends called at the home during the day to offer their congratulations.

Can Get Needed Shoes

Children who wear out or outgrow their shoes at a particularly fast rate and adults with extra shoe requirements need not suffer hardship because of the longer shoe ration period announced recently by OPA. If a child or adult needs shoes and the family quota of regular ration stamps has been spent, he may get a simple application form for a special shoe stamp from his local rationing board.

Serving Aircraft Industry

Opening of an aircraft engineering course to train girls for work in the Glenn L. Martin plant marked the fourth aircraft industry to take advantage of the facilities of the Pennsylvania State College for the training of technical personnel. Consolidated Vultee Aircraft, Curtiss-Wright, and Hamilton Standard Propellers also have Penn State supervised programs.

Girl Bitten By Dog

Little Radne Conway, 4-year-old Coalport girl, was admitted to the Phillipsburg State Hospital one night last week after she was bitten by a dog and sustained an eye injury. While the injury about the eye is serious, no complications are expected from the bite itself.

War costs money but it is cheaper than defeat. Ask the French.

Institute

Teachers' Institute is over for another year, and we suspect Centre county school teachers heaved a sigh of relief when the sessions ended. Of course there may be some worthwhile features of Institute—

an interesting speaker or two, perhaps—but we wonder whether it is worth the time and money it takes. For some time we've had a sneaking suspicion that Institute is as dead as a Dodo, but that those who call the sessions from year to year haven't stumbled upon the corpse, as yet. For your information, Institutes are required by State law, and the school district is required to pay the teachers \$2 a session for attending. In the Institute last week there were four sessions. Consequently each teacher who attended all sessions, (and most of them do, because it isn't considered wise not to), received \$8. There are at least 400 teachers in the county, so the whole picture reveals that the county's school districts are out about \$3,200 just to pay the teachers for attending. \$3,200 is not hay.

Salona Youth Is Painfully Hurt

Collides With Car While Riding a Bicycle in Mill Hall

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Movie Review

The movie "Behind the Rising Sun" at the Plaza theatre during the weekend, contains some subtle propaganda for the Japanese side, this corner thinks. It seems to excuse the landed gentry of Japan for their part in backing the nation's war lords. However, there is much propaganda to offset the others, we suppose. If the air raid on Tokyo in the latter part of the picture was supposed to have been a portrayal of Jimmy Doolittle's famous raid, the movie is incorrect. It shows what appear to be four-motored Flying Fortresses. The Tokyo raid was made with two-motored Billy Mitchell bombers, we always were told.

Women

Two women, one a Republican and the other a Democrat, are running for county office this fall. Insofar as we've been able to determine no woman has ever been elected to county office in Centre county. Holding such office apparently has always been considered a man's job.

Letter

Recommended reading this week is a letter appearing elsewhere in this issue, written by friend John M. Fleming, son of former Judge and Mrs. M. Ward Fleming, of Bellefonte, who is serving as a gunner's mate aboard a warship in the Pacific. John takes a look at war from the point of view of a man who is actually in it, and he clears up some points which may be bothering you.

Phantom

According to the daily press, Bellefonte has a so-called "Phantom of the Opera," a young man, identity unrevealed, who practically every midnight regales residents of a certain section of town with whistled versions of long-haired music, as he wends his way home from seeing his girl. Our super-detective department has revealed the gentleman's name to us, and further informs us that the young swain will be married, come Christmaside. We are not permitted to divulge his name.

Big Order for Berwick

The American Car and Foundry Company of Berwick is preparing to start work on one of the largest orders it has ever received. It is for 8,400 caterpillar tractors, 7,800 of them with bulldozers and 1,800 equipped with hoyer winches. There is also a blanket designation for spare parts, in an amount to be stipulated later, and to be built simultaneously with the tractors. The entire order is to be delivered during 1944.

Buy Bonds for future needs

While we do not favor cold-blooded cruelty toward the enemies of this country, we think that those guilty of atrocities against our fighting men should be punished.

FARM QUESTION BOX by ED W. MITCHELL, Farm Adviser, General Electric Station WGY

Q-Is there an easy way to preserve kale for winter use? A-Yes. When cold weather comes pull some up by the roots and set in moist sawdust in a cool cellar. Cover the rest with straw and keep using from that until cold puts the final touch to it. Then use from the cellar. Q-What is the method of making a compost heap? A-Dig a pit 3 by 6 feet by 6 inches deep and pile any leaves, grass, weeds or vegetable matter there in a flat heap. Keep it moist, and fork it over every three or four days. For every 4 to 6-in. layer of compost, spread three or four forkfuls or shovelfuls of manure or rich garden soil to inoculate with rot bacteria and improve texture, also five to ten handfuls of sulphate of ammonia to feed the rot bacteria. Q-Is carbon bisulphide explosive if the container is dropped? A-No, but it is very inflammable and will burn or explode if the gas or liquid gets anywhere near fire. Do not smoke when using it or fumigate in a room where a stove has a fire. Q-If used for fumigating beans, does carbon bisulphide spoil them for seed? A-No. The liquid becomes gas, and both gas and odor vanish after a few minutes of exposure to fresh air. Q-How is cider made into vinegar? A-As a general rule, apple cider will turn to vinegar if left alone. But to get a better result it should be put into a clean, sterile barrel, with some "mother of vinegar" added from a barrel of vinegar to make certain there is proper inoculation of bacteria. The bung should be left open till the vinegar has stopped working. Q-What kind of wax should be used on turnips and other vegetables for winter storage? A-There are several brands of wax on the market made especially for waxing vegetables and fruit, and your local seed and farm supply dealer should be able to get wax for you. Directions are on each package and dilution tablets. All you do is add water, dip the produce, and let it drain and dry. Lacking the regular wax, heat ordinary oil to thin it, and dip the vegetables in that. Q-How should soy beans be harvested and cured? A-I have several kinds planted as an experiment and will have to learn how to harvest and handle them. I propose to handle mine like ordinary field beans; that is, pull the vines when frost or maturity stops growth; let them cure in small heaps; thresh them out with a flail and then screen them.