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Young Clinton County Slayer Found Guilty of Voluntary Manslaughter

Verdict Returned by Jury Which Recommended "Utmost Mercy of the Court." Youth Will be Placed in School

William H. Cummings, 14-year-old Clinton county boy, found guilty on Friday of voluntarily manslaughter in the shotgun killing of his neighbor, Frederick R. Buckingham, 77, will be placed in an educational institution to rehabilitate himself, it was indicated by Judge Henry Hippie.

33 Home Service Cases In Month

Red Cross Performing Valuable Tasks For Those in Armed Forces

At the monthly meeting of the Bellefonte Chapter, American Red Cross, held October 21 in Petrikin hall, Mrs. Fred Warner in charge of the Home Service department, reported 33 cases worked upon during September.

In summarizing the work of this bureau, Mrs. Warner noted the following services:

Sending inquiries to National Red Cross relative to the whereabouts of service men not heard from for four months; forwarding messages to civilians in enemy-occupied countries; arranging for emergency calls to prisoners of war; assisting servicemen and ex-servicemen and their relatives in obtaining government benefits due them; arranging basic maintenance for dependents of soldiers in the four lower grades until the government allotments start coming through.

Making out dependency discharge reports at the request of the Red Cross at the army posts for soldiers whose commanding officers are considering them for discharge due to reported hardship at home. This necessitates obtaining a letter from the local Draft Board and from a prospective employer, as well as making a visit to the home.

Other services are: Obtaining, at the request of army or navy hospitals, social history reports on soldiers who are not adjusting to army life. This involves visiting the soldier's family, teacher or doctor, the information collected is studied by military physicians and is helpful in planning the best possible treatment for the soldier; verifying births, deaths and illness in soldiers' families, and wiring statements to the Red Cross at the army post.

The above work is being carried out in Bellefonte by Mrs. Fred Warner and Mrs. R. Lindquist; in Milesburg by Mrs. Leamer Woodring; in Howard by Mrs. W. McDonald; in Blain by Mrs. T. M. Kunes; in Fleming by Mrs. George Bullock; in Snow Shoe by Mrs. H. Smith; and in Pleasant Gap by Mrs. W. Shreffler.

There is a need at present for a volunteer case worker with social service experience, who has a car.

KILLED PLANNING WEDDING Sudden death on the highway abruptly ended the marriage plans of a young New York Central Railroad brakeman and his fiancée six miles west of Warren last Wednesday.

PROMOTION ANNOUNCED Andrew Philip Turchick, of Coalport, serving in the infantry, has been advanced from second lieutenant to first lieutenant, the War Department announced.

OLDEST TWINS, 92 Believed to be the oldest twins in the United States, W. C. and W. B. Pennington, of Orangeville, R. D., Columbia county, celebrated their 92nd birthday Sunday, Oct. 24.

FARMER IN THE CEMETERY Claude Fennell of Rutledge, Tenn., heard his plowbit jangle against something that sounded funny. He "swined" his mules and kicked about the objects his plow had unearthed. He found a dozen skulls! The farmer had plowed up a pre-historic Indian burying ground. The news scattered about the countryside and the curious came to claim some souvenirs. One fellow took a skull home, put it under his bed. That night he awakened suddenly, said he saw the skull rolling slightly, the eye-sockets looking right at him. He placed the skull on a string in his smokehouse—and he doesn't go there by himself for anything.

THREE HOUSES DAMAGED Most of the residents of Orangeville, near Bloomsburg, were awakened by an early morning automobile accident, in which three homes were damaged to the extent of \$825.

PROMOTION ANNOUNCED The War Department has announced the promotion of John Frederick Sykes of Clearfield, from second lieutenant to first lieutenant. He is serving in the Air Corps.

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Shot by Hunter As He Husks Corn

Flemington Man Peppered By Shot While Working in Field

The first hunting accident of the season in Clinton county occurred Saturday morning at 10:30 o'clock, when Fred W. Powell, 30, of Flemington, who was husking corn on the Pringle farm, Mill Hill R. D., was accidentally shot in the face and chest by a hunter who used approximately 30 shot.

Powell, the son of Mrs. Roxie J. Powell, who is employed at the Lock Haven Hospital, was immediately admitted there for an x-ray examination. There is a possibility that his sight may have been damaged.

The young man is married and the father of a son, Fred, Jr., who recently suffered a fractured ankle in an automobile accident in Flemington.

6 Pay \$439 For Illegal Hunting

Four Howard Men Pay Fine For Disobeying Hunting Laws

Six hunters paid fines totaling \$439 at Lock Haven last week for disobeying laws governing hunting regulations. Picked up at 2:45 a. m. last Thursday, four Howard men paid a total of \$220 at a hearing held Friday, and all they got for it was two rabbits.

The following were fined on these charges before Alderman T. Mark Burgard: Robert Lyons, carrying loaded gun in car, charged with having two illegally killed rabbits and hunting without a license, \$63 fine and \$7.50 costs; Stanley Dulien, two rabbits and no license, \$40 and \$7.50; Warren Carson, two rabbits and loaded gun in car, \$45 and \$7.50; and Donald Heverly, two rabbits and no license, \$40 and \$7.50.

Arrested Saturday and fined that day by Alderman Burgard for illegal possession of deer were Clarence Winner, Lock Haven, and Sidney L. Probst, Lock Haven. R. D. Each paid \$100 fine and Winner paid \$7.50 costs, while Probst paid \$11.50, a total of \$219.

Board Explains Ration Book 4

Declare Book Four Designed to Last Over Period of Two Years

An explanation of how to use Ration Book 4 is given by officials of Bellefonte Ration Board. Book Four is designed to last over a period of nearly two years, after the point out and it is valuable and can not be as easily replaced as previous ration books.

Green Stamps A, B, and C in Book Four become valid November 1 for the purchase of canned, bottled and frozen fruits and vegetables, juices, dried fruits, and canned soups. X, Y, and Z Blue stamps in War Ration Book No. 2 will remain valid until November 20, making stamps in both Book Four and Book Two valid from Nov. 1 to Nov. 20.

Green stamps in Book Four will be used in exactly the same manner as the Blue stamps in Book Two Stamps A, B, and C will be good until Nov. 1 and remain good until Dec. 20.

Sugar Stamp No. 29 becomes valid on Nov. 1. It may be used for the purchase of five pounds of sugar between that date and Jan. 15, 1944.

Wants Ration Book. A 25-year-old Negro of Louisville, Ky., placed on peace bond on complaint of the man for whom his wife left him, told a police court judge he doesn't want his wife back but he does want her to return his ration book. "I can get me another woman, but how does she expect me to eat without those points?" he asked.

Enrolls in Armored School Pvt. Richard Boyd Barrett, of 140 East Curtin street, Bellefonte, is a member of a new class that reported to the Armored School at Ft. Knox, Ky., last week for enrollment in the Wheeled Vehicle Department Blacksmith and Moulder's course. The school trains thousands of officers and enlisted men for the Army's mobile, hard-striking tank units.

\$250 Bond for Low Point Dinner If you are a housewife getting the most from your ration points here is your chance to help other housewives prepare appetizing wartime meals and win a \$250 War Bond for your recipes. For details turn to the November 7 issue of The American Weekly, the big magazine distributed with the Baltimore Sunday American. On sale at all newsstands.

LOCK HAVEN MAN WOUNDED The War Department has notified Mrs. Jared R. Bows of Lock Haven, that her husband, Pfc. Jared R. Bows, has been wounded in action in the North African-Italian war zone.

Air Raids Over Germany Kill, Injure 1,200,000; Six Million are Homeless

Widespread Defeatism and Despondency Reported as Result of Bombing. Few Able to Sleep Without Fear

A recent Zurich dispatch by way of London, reveals that 1,200,000 civilians were killed or reported missing in Allied air raids on Germany up to October 1, and other continental advices told of widespread defeatism and despondency in the Reich.

The dispatch cited a member of the German Government Statistics Office as authority for the air-raid casualties. He said 6,953,000 Germans had been bombed out of their homes or evacuated.

Reports say that pessimism and mistrust have replaced confidence in victory in Germany, "due less to the unfavorable military developments on the eastern and southern fronts as to the unceasing Allied air offensive."

"It is impossible," the report continues, "to exaggerate the disastrous effects of the Anglo-American raids on German morale. Few Germans are able to sleep without fear, and all keep emergency cases filled with their belongings at their bedsides."

British prisoners repatriated from Germany tell that the Reich is shabby and despondent, knows the war is lost and anxious only for it to end.

German army officers have been advised to have a "serious and comforting word" for their men going on leave, as "hard shocks await these men at home." One manifesto said: "They (the soldiers) will see a picture of dreadful devastation such as they have never seen before. Perhaps they will find all their goods destroyed."

Pardons Board Opens Sessions

October Meeting Held After Governor Acted on Recommendations

The Pennsylvania Pardons Board gathered last week for its October sessions after Governor Martin granted 7 pardons and 37 sentence commutations on the board's recommendations.

The board, in actions based on previous sessions, held 3 cases under advisement, continued 18 cases and refused clemency in 155 cases.

Among those made eligible to apply for parole through granting of commutation are the following, including two from Centre County: Alfred Chalmer Wick, Butler, and Centre Counties, larceny of automobile and escaping penitentiary; Harry Bollinger, Clinton County, sodomy; Embler B. Sprock, Franklin County, burglary; Charles Peral, Indiana County, statutory rape; Lewis Ebert, Schuylkill County, statutory rape; Joseph Uhler of Schuylkill County, robbery; George Howard Baughman, Allegheny and Centre Counties, burglary.

Lakemont Man Bags Wild Cat

Cecil Imler Has Unusual Experience of Animal Known as Bay Lynx

Cecil Imler, of Lakemont, Blair County, had the unusual experience while hunting on Saturday of shooting a wild cat, an animal almost extinct in this state.

Hunting in the Snake Spring Valley section of Bedford county he bagged an animal lying under the roots of a tree, and taking a shot was greatly surprised to find that he had bagged a full grown wild cat. The animal was in prime condition and will be mounted and the bounty of \$15 offered by the state, claimed by the hunter.

The wild cat, also known as bay lynx, is about the size of a large house cat, has long legs and a short tail that curves upward at the end. The general color is a deep red mingled with small dark brown spots.

YMCA CLOSED Residents of Danville are looking forward to the reopening of the Y. M. C. A. temporarily closed for lack of funds. The building, originally built by Thomas Beaver to Danville and later enlarged and remodeled by Mrs. Gelsinger, is splendidly equipped with gymnasium, swimming pool and bowling alleys. The "Y" will benefit by the current Community Chest drive.

FRACTURES HIP AT 91 William A. Kinsloe, 91, of Lock Haven, is a patient at the Lock Haven Hospital with a fractured left hip. His condition is considered fair. Mr. Kinsloe, former publisher of the Lock Haven Express, resided with his daughter, Miss Edith M., who said that her father was injured last Tuesday morning when he fell while dressing.

REPORTED WOUNDED Mrs. Ada Lanich, of Clearfield, has been notified by the War Department that her son, Pvt. Donald E. Lanich, has been wounded in action in the North African-Italian area of war.

NICE PROFIT

At the John Yearick public sale near Bellefonte recently, one of the items sold was a one-horse truck wagon, of a type which has long been a drug on the market and which usually brings from 50 cents to a dollar. Mr. Yearick bought the wagon 20 years ago for \$8 and had a pair of ladders built for it at a cost of \$2, making his total investment \$10. At the sale, the wagon was knocked down for \$35—the highest price paid for a vehicle of that type in the knowledge of local sale fairs.

MONEY: The Third War Loan drive in September brought out some money which had been in hiding for some time, officials report. There were mostly bills, bills which smelled of moth balls, old-fashioned "large size" bills which haven't been in circulation for many years. But those who know most about the country's money supply say there's plenty more in hiding.

BANG: Wonder if there's any connection between the wounded deer seen on Curtin street, Sunday afternoon, and the sound of gunshot which was heard shortly before midnight, Saturday, in the Sunnyside section of town. Could be that someone who was doing a little spotlight hunting wounded the deer. They ought to have a whipping post for guys like that.

PRIZE: Cynthia Scott, aged 12, daughter of Mary Harvey Scott, of East Curtin street, won a prize in the Halloween parade, Friday night. The prize: an armful of beer at a local taproom.

GREAT: The world is improving. The lot of man gradually is getting better. Only last week the Bellefonte Woman's Club had a speaker present at a meeting to tell the ladies how to hang pictures, fix electrical cords, change picture washers in the spigots and put up shelves!

PLANE: Reconnaissance planes of the type which fell at the local airport last Sunday are said to be specifically designed to take off and land in limited spaces. Provided with powerful motors, the planes can climb at what is described to be a remarkably steep angle.

ARMISTICE DAY: Armistice Day will be observed throughout the land next Thursday in a kind of embarrassed, halting manner, because everyone knows that the event for which the day was named was only a grim farce. We hope that World War II will not end until it is completely and thoroughly won by the United Nations, and that when the war does end the day will be named Victory Day. We are in favor of doing away with Armistice Day as a holiday and writing it off the calendar as a huge and unfortunate mistake—a mistake which no longer deserves national honor and respect.

CHRISTMAS: The toy outlook for the coming Christmas seems to be quite glum. We had hoped to be able to get a gim-crack or two for the youngsters, but it's going to be slim picking. There are, of course, all kinds of wooden, fiberboard, plastic, and cardboard toys, but the market is absolutely devoid of the shiny metal mechanical toys which seem to have a special attraction for the kiddies. The most startling example of the lack of toys is apparent in the advertising of one of the nation's leading electrical train manufacturers. Time was when this firm each year published a beautifully illustrated booklet, showing scores of trains, ranging in price from about \$10 to nearly \$200 each. This year the firm has no booklet, and advertises one train outfit—a cardboard thing which runs on a fiber track—all for

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FARMER WITHOUT GAS HOISTS FLAG OVER IDLE MACHINERY

Due to OPA's reported failure to allow sufficient gasoline, a Union county farmer has placed a tractor, combine and several pieces of gasoline engine machinery in a field with a sign beneath a fluttering American flag.

The farmer, is J. Stewart Zeigler, Lewisburg, R. D. 3, veteran Union county tiller of the soil. He has the machinery but no gas while other agriculturists throughout the country have gas but no machinery.

According to a report from Union county, responsibility for the idle machinery is all tangled up in an OPA ordered 20 per cent return of gas coupons by some farmers, an auditing of the books of the Lewisburg rationing board following the arrest on federal charges of a chief clerk for illegal possession of coupons, and the overestimation of gasoline needs by some farmers.

It has been found that a number of farmers had or have requested enough gas to operate machinery almost around the clock every day in

the week, and as a result frugal gas users face bearing the result of other farmers misrepresentation of needs.

The Lewisburg board has been the scene of much complaint from farmers, many of whom use much more fuel than should be necessary in traveling to the board with applications and complaints to get gasoline and get things straightened out.

The Williamsport OPA office has taken exception to the purported action of Mr. Zeigler and is reported to have launched an investigation to determine what was done with 10,365 gallons of gasoline and kerosene allegedly issued in a year and 3 months to the complainant. The office submitted a list of facts obtained by the Lewisburg War Price and Rationing Board to show that if the farmer had operated his highway and non-highway equipment for 30 days winter and summer alike during that period, he would have had to consume at least 34 gallons a day.

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