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3 Men Wounded As Season Opens

Port Matilda Man in Serious Condition After Accident in Woods; Few Hunters and Light Deer Kill Mark First Two Days.

Three men were injured, one of them seriously, as the 1943 deer season in Centre county got under way this week.

Reports from various areas of the county yesterday were to the effect that there are few hunters in the woods this year compared with former years, and that the kill of deer is comparatively light.

No violation, however, has been reported, although at least two deer illegally killed have been found in the woods. The season opened Monday and will continue through Saturday, December 12.

Willard Weaver, 45-year-old resident of Fowler Hollow, west of Port Matilda, was seriously wounded on Tuesday morning when a gun being unloaded by a companion fired accidentally and the bullet struck him in the abdomen. Joseph Copenhaver, a resident of Harrisburg, suffered a minor scalp wound when struck by a piece of the same bullet which hit Weaver.

William Carrick, 31, of Upper Darby, suffered a severe wound of the front part of the left foot when a gun in the hands of a companion who was helping to carry a deer struck some object and was discharged.

Weaver, who was admitted to the Phillipsburg State Hospital about noon, Tuesday, yesterday afternoon was reported by hospital attaches as being in serious condition, although they said there was some improvement over the day before when he was reported to be in "fair" condition. The bullet penetrated his intestines and bladder, it was said.

The accident happened when Rev. Bud Daniels, of the Port Matilda Pilgrim Holiness church, was unloading his gun. A bullet in the magazine was discharged, struck a stone

COUNTY SOLDIER KILLED IN ITALY

Pfc. Willis G. Martin, 29, Moshannon, Is County's 26th Reported Fatality

Centre County's twenty-sixth reported casualty of World War II is Pfc. Willis G. Martin, 29, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mildred Martin, of Moshannon.

His parents have received a message from the War Department announcing that he had been killed in action in Italy on October 10. No details were given in the message.

Pfc. Martin, who participated in the battles for Casablanca, Bizerte, and Tunisia, was seriously wounded August 14 at Salerno, Italy. For more than a month he is believed to have undergone hospital treatment before returning to active service.

Pvt. Martin, better known in the Moshannon area as "Eddie" was inducted into the Army on June 20, 1942. He was sent to Ft. George Meade, Md., for training before embarking for overseas duty. He arrived with U. S. forces in Casablanca

COUNTY GIRL IN APARTMENT FIRE

Ruth Hoffer Climbs Down Firemen's Ladder From Third Floor

"Mid-city fires rout score; 2 saved by ladders," reads a banner headline in Monday's Philadelphia papers. Of county interest is the fact that a Phillipsburg girl was one of the scores routed from her apartment and she was one of the fair damsels saved by the ladders of the fire fighters.

Although not actually carried down the ladders by the dashing firemen as stated by the city papers, Miss Ruth Hoffer, 23-year-old Phillipsburg girl, and daughter of Richard Hoffer, was one of the two girls trapped in a third floor apartment and she and her companion climbed down the high ladders to safety under the direction and guidance of the firemen—an experience they will remember all their lives.

Miss Hoffer, chief job analyst in the personnel department of the Cramp Shipbuilding company, occupied the apartment with two other girls, one of whom was with her at the time of the fire and escaped down the ladder with her, Miss Judy Lougee, 26. Miss Hoffer has been employed at Cramp's since her graduation.

Railroad Worker Bags 18½-Pound Gobbler

Gilbert A. McKinley, 37, of near Curtin, employe of the Pennsylvania Railroad, interrupted his work Friday morning long enough to bag an 18½-pound turkey gobbler—the first turkey he's ever shot.

McKinley and several fellow employes on the Runvill-Clarence section of the Snow Shoe Branch, were traveling up the mountain on a handcar, on their way to work, when McKinley, who had taken his gun along in the hope of getting a turkey, spied the large gobbler near the tracks. He stopped the handcar, walked a short distance into the woods and soon returned with the large bird.

Sunday was a festive day at the McKinley home with the hunter's mother, Mrs. Isabelle McKinley, and brother, Carl both of Milesburg, being invited to the turkey dinner.

J. Thomas Mitchell, Local Attorney, Completes History of County Bar

A most interesting and valuable addition to the written history of Centre county, just completed by J. Thomas Mitchell, well known Bellefonte attorney and historian, will be published serially in The Centre Democrat, with the first installment beginning this week.

The history is entitled "A Review of the History of the Bar of Centre County," but it is far more than that. For Mr. Mitchell's account of the activities of members of the bar includes many a fact and anecdote of general history, much of it heretofore unrecorded.

The work represents the fruits of two years of research and composition on the part of Mr. Mitchell, who since early youth has been interested in local history as a hobby.

The author, son of the late Isaac and Deborah Thomas Mitchell, was born in Bellefonte and received his early education at the Bellefonte Academy. His father, a lieutenant in the Civil War, was a native of Philadelphia, but came to Bellefonte upon completion of his college education, and for many years was em-

LT. W. G. OLSON REPORTED SAFE IN S. PACIFIC

Survivor of Torpedoed Destroyer McKean Writes to Wife Here

MAY HAVE SUFFERED INJURIES IN SINKING

Was Aboard Ship in Many Major Engagements in Solomons Area

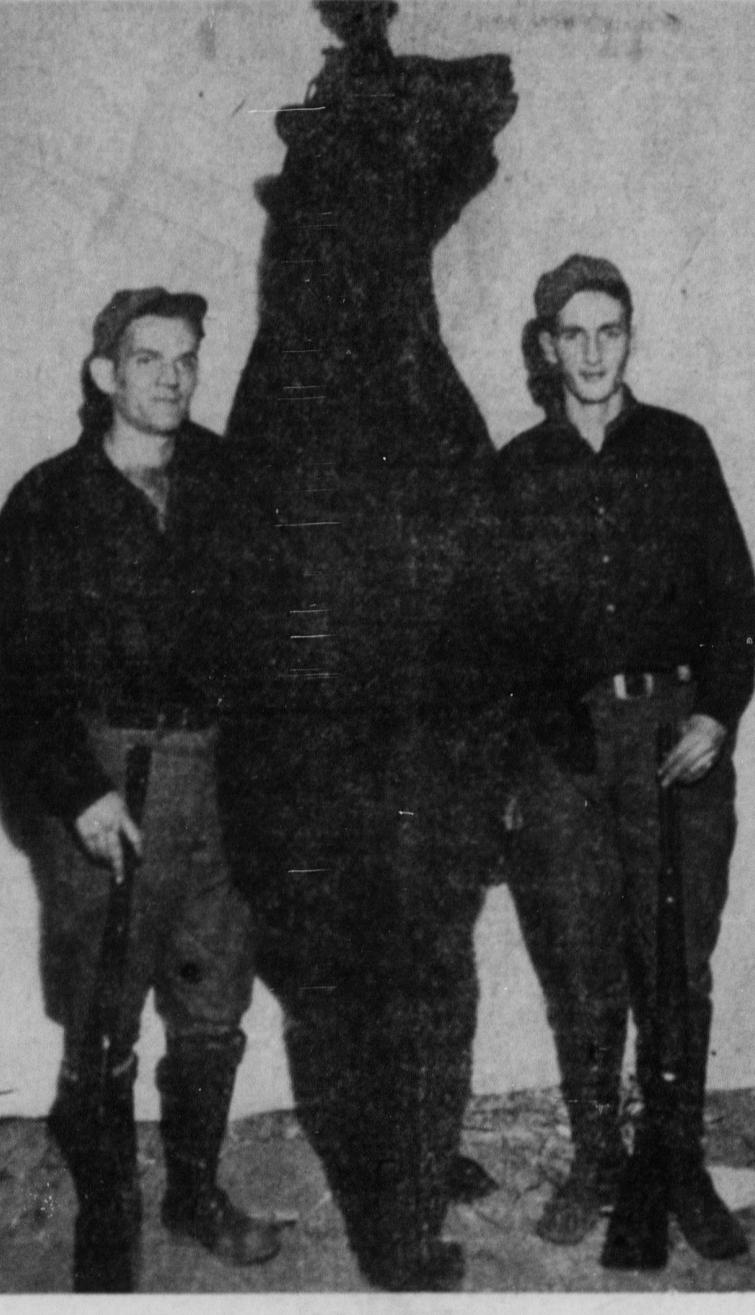
Lt. Warren G. Olson, husband of the former Jeanne Bloomquist, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy T. Bloomquist, of East Bishop street, Bellefonte, and Naval officer aboard the U. S. destroyer McKean which was sunk off Bougainville by a Japanese torpedo on November 17, is safe aboard another ship, according to a brief note received by his wife here Tuesday.

The note, written the day after the McKean was sunk, dispelled fears here that Olson had lost his life when the destroyer went down. In his letter, Lt. Olson informed his wife that he is aboard another ship and advises her not to write since he has no permanent address. He adds that he is all right, and cautions his wife to disregard any stories she may hear. The note, written in his own handwriting, concluded with the promise that he would write soon.

Despite the assurances received from the naval officer, members of the family are of the opinion that he may have suffered some injuries.

Shortly after the letter was received here the Bloomquist family received a telephone call from the

Thar's Gold in That Thar B'ar!



The two hunters above, Ode Cookley (left) and Donald Shawley (right) both of Milesburg, found that there's money in hunting if you go after the right kind of game, namely, bear, (center).

The 450-pound bear was a job to get out of the mountains after the two men had killed it with a couple of well-aimed bullets, November 17 in the mountains near Yarnell. Then while skinning the huge animal at the Andrew Shively farm in Buffalo Run Valley, Shawley nearly severed his right thumb when the sharp knife he was using slipped.

But on the credit side of the ledger, the two hunters chalk up the following: (1) No little glory which came their way for having bagged the biggest bear shot in Centre county in some years. (2) They've had an offer of \$135 for the bear's hide, and (3) for the fat they expect to realize the neat sum of about \$125.

Bear fat, to those of you who aren't familiar with such things, when rendered like lard yields a product known as bear oil. Bear oil is much in demand by druggists as the chief ingredient for lotions used for rheumatism, stiff joints, sore muscles, and the like. Oldsters will tell you there's nothing like bear oil rubbed on well to relieve such conditions.

Maybe there's something to it—anyhow, druggists are reported to be willing to pay about 18 cents an ounce for the oil.

MRS. F. B. HEALY DIES SUDDENLY

County Jury Commissioner Succumbs at Home After Heart Attack

A sudden heart attack proved fatal to Mrs. Catherine Farley Healy, Centre County Jury Commissioner and widow of the late Fred B. Healy, at her home in the Petrikin Hall apartments, West High street, Bellefonte, about 1 o'clock Sunday morning.

Mrs. Healy apparently was in her usual good health when she retired Saturday night and her death came unexpectedly. She was aged 72 years, 4 months and 21 days.

The Healy family came to Bellefonte in 1917 when the late Mr. Healy was appointed deputy warden at Rockview penitentiary. Upon his death on January 28, this year, Centre County Judge Ivan Walker named Mrs. Healy to serve out his unexpired term as Jury Commissioner, a post she held at the time of her death.

Deceased was a daughter of Hugh and Mary Landers Farley and was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, on July 17, 1871. Surviving is a daughter, Virginia C., at home. Mrs. Healy was a graduate of Notre Dame Academy at Cincinnati, O., and was the last of a family of seven children. She was a member of St. John's Catholic church, Bellefonte.

Funeral services were held at 10 o'clock yesterday morning at St. John's church, with the Rt. Rev. William E. Downes officiating. Interment was made in the church cemetery.

54 MEN CALLED BY DRAFT BOARD

31 Go to Army; 20 to Navy, 3 to Marines in Month's Quota

Fifty-four men from the area served by Local Draft Board No. 2, of Bellefonte, passed examinations for military service in the November call, officials announced this week.

Of that number 31 will be taken by the Army, 20 by the Navy, and 3 by the Marine Corps. The Army contingent will leave for the reception center at New Cumberland on December 15, and the ones accepted by the Navy and Marine Corps will leave this week to begin training.

POLICE SEEK GUN SOLD BY BEECH CREEK YOUTH

An 18-year-old youth who stole an automobile in Lock Haven and sold a shotgun for \$3 on a Bellefonte street was apprehended early last week by State Police from the Pleasant Gap sub-station. The youth is Edward L. Rupert of near Beech Creek.

Police said he stole a car owned by J. Earl Nyman of Howard, R. D. November 21, and drove it until he was caught the following day near the Centre County Hospital. Police stated that the youth sold a 12-gauge double-barrel shotgun he found in the car to an unknown man he met on West High street. Police are interested in obtaining the gun to return it to its owner and stated that no prosecution will be made if the gun is returned.

Rupert was returned to Lock Haven where charges against him will be brought by Clinton county authorities.

Woodycrest Man In Jail on Morals Charge

Steward Ross, aged 70, of Woodycrest, near State College, is in the County Jail under \$1,000 bail on a charge of having illicit relations with a daughter, officials report.

Ross was arrested by Pvt. John L. Eisenhuth, of the Rockview sub-station State Police and at a hearing before Justice of the Peace Harold D. Cowher, of West Bishop Street, Bellefonte, last Wednesday, he is said to have pleaded guilty to the charge. In default of bail he was committed to jail.

SOLDIER WRITES ON CUSTOMS, LIFE, IN INDIA

Former Bellefonte West Penn Employee Finds Country Interesting

MANY RELIGIONS COMPLICATE LIFE

U. S. Soldiers Learning How to Barter With Native Tradesmen

The following letter was received by Mrs. John C. Stere, nee Louise Tinsue, of Unionville, from her husband Corporal John C. Stere who is at present somewhere in India. Corporal Stere, before enlisting in December, 1942, was employed by the West Penn Power Company of Bellefonte and he and his wife resided on Bishop Street. Mrs. Stere is now making her home with her mother in Unionville. Corporal Stere's letter was dated October 30, 1943, and is as follows:

"I don't believe I have told you much about India yet, so I will try and tell you as much as I am allowed to tell. First of all, India is truly a land of mystery and enchantment. In fact a person can't begin to visualize what this land is really like until they actually see it. I know that my idea of India was completely wrong. I had an idea that this country was pretty well civilized and somewhat like the states. In some parts of India this is true, but as a whole the civilization in India is somewhat similar to the life of medieval Europe. Very few of the people wear western clothes, that is anything that even remotely resembles a pair of trousers or a dress. The men wear anything from an old sheet thrown about to a loin cloth. The women's clothes seem to follow a little more definite pattern. The standard costume seems to be a saree which consists of a long flowing robe thrown about their shoulders and very nearly trailing on the ground. The saree is made of most any material from coarse muslin to the

Everitt Drug Store Is Sold Yesterday

County Jury Commissioner Succumbs at Home After Heart Attack

The Everitt drug store on South Allegheny street, Bellefonte, for the past seven years, and operated by Donald R. Everitt, was sold yesterday to Charles L. Scheibler, who comes to Bellefonte from Lancaster. The new owner will take charge today.

Mr. Scheibler is a graduate of the Medico-Chi College in Philadelphia, and in 1911 began his career as a pharmacist. For the past two years he had been owner of a drug store in Lancaster. He and his wife have rented the Mingle home on East High street and will move their possessions here immediately.

Mr. and Mrs. Everitt and daughter, who came to Bellefonte seven years ago, will continue to reside in their present apartment above the store. Mr. Everitt has accepted a position as service representative of the Smith, Kline and French Drug Company. His territory will include most of central Pennsylvania.

During his residence here Mr. Everitt established an enviable reputation as an able and dependable business man.

Dan Grove Leases Cadillac Garage

Dan Grove, of the Grove garage on North Thomas Street, Bellefonte, has leased the Cadillac garage formerly occupied by the County Chevrolet Company at the corner of Allegheny and Bishop Streets, and yesterday the establishment was opened for business under the new management.

Mr. Grove, who expects to continue with the Plymouth and DeSoto agency, announced that the entire second floor of the garage will be devoted to general car and truck maintenance and repair service, while the first floor will be used for storage purposes.

All equipment and furnishings have been removed from the former location on North Thomas Street, into the new quarters, Mr. Grove said.

The Grove garage had been located in the Thomas Street building formerly the Haagen Garage, since January 1942. The stock and furnishings of the County Chevrolet recently was disposed of at public sale.

Local Physician Becomes Captain

William J. Schwartz, former Bellefonte physician who has been in the U. S. Army Medical Corps since March this year, has been promoted from Lieutenant to Captain, according to word received Monday by Mrs. Schwartz, of East Curtin street.

Captain Schwartz has been stationed at a base hospital in Panama since August. Prior to that time he was located for a time in New Orleans, La., and for a while Mrs. Schwartz and their young son were with him there. When he received a transfer to the Canal Zone, the family returned to their home in Bellefonte.

Lands Damaged Plane in England

Lt. Eugene Shultz, Former Centre Democrat Employee, Brings Crippled Fortress Home After Raid on Germany; Crew Listed As 'Missing' After Parachuting to Earth in Enemy Territory.

Lt. Eugene Shultz, son of Mrs. Ella Shultz, of Lock Haven, former Centre Democrat employe, and now pilot of a Flying Fortress somewhere in England, is believed to be safe there after he brought his badly damaged ship home from a bombing mission over Germany.

The ship, so badly damaged that the pilot gave the order to abandon ship, reached England when Shultz, his co-pilot and the bombardier, the latter so badly wounded that he couldn't leap when the abandon ship order was given, stuck with the plane and managed to land it on friendly soil.

This is the outline of unofficial reports received by relatives of the pilot in this area. Lt. Shultz is a nephew of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Thompson, of North Spring street, Bellefonte.

The seven crewmen who leaped from the plane to parachute to earth over Germany are listed as "missing in action," it is reported. While no direct word has been received from Lt. Shultz since the raid in which his ship was damaged, relatives have been informed by relatives of the co-pilot and bombardier that he brought the damaged plane to England.

Lt. Shultz enlisted in the Air Corps about 18 months ago while he was employed on the mechanical staff of this newspaper. On October 4, this year, he and the nine other members of his Fortress crew left the United States and flew to England. His mother received a letter from him written November 4, in which he reported he was going to school in England.

Next word of him came in a long-distance telephone call from the wife of his bombardier, Mrs. Hayden

PHILIPSBURG BOY FATALLY WOUNDED

Native of County Accidentally Shot and Killed at Clearfield

When the revolver he was handling Sunday morning accidentally discharged, sending a bullet into his right cheek and through the back of his neck, Thomas Twigg, 15-year-old Clearfield youth who was born at Phillipsburg, and lived for several years at Chester Hill with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. George Twigg, was instantly killed.

The accident occurred at the reception room of the Clearfield Taxidermy sales office. Thomas, in company with Robert Meagher, 14, who was substituting for the regular night watchman, and Kenneth Young, 15, went to the Taxidermy

WAR FUND HERE NEARING QUOTA

Expect Final Reports Will Put Total Over \$20,000 Goal

Bellefonte is within a shade of reaching its quota for the Bellefonte Community War Fund. With only partial reports received from a number of industries the campaign now totals \$19,682.52 of its \$20,000 goal.

It is expected that the goal not only will be reached but passed by several hundred dollars when final reports are made, according to C. C. Brown, chairman of the campaign.

The quota for the Community Welfare Fund, the local organization, is \$12,200 and the quota set for the National War Fund is \$8,800.

Officials reported that only partial returns had been received yesterday from the Bell Telephone Company, West Penn Power Company, Warner

Car Stolen Here Found Same Day

A car owned by James E. Decker, Jr., of Penn street, Bellefonte, stolen from its parking place in front of his home early Friday morning, was found the same afternoon parked at the Community Athletic field on East Bishop street.

According to reports the ignition keys were in the switch when it was stolen, and when found the ignition was turned on.

The car apparently had not been driven to any extent, for there was no appreciable drop in the quantity of gasoline in the tank.

The machine was found by Ralph Dale, of the Bellefonte High School faculty, who went to the field to work. Friday afternoon. Learning that Decker's car was missing he reported his find to State Police at Pleasant Gap sub-station.

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