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Jesse Adler Looks at the NEWS

BECAUSE she was the first woman taxi driver to come before his court, a Brooklyn judge only fined Alice Nightingale \$5 for speeding...

THE racing association informs the public what race horses do not eat the day before a race. They don't however, inform the public which racing fans don't eat the day after a race.

TWO Long Island women pleaded with a judge to excuse their butchering from jury duty. Claimed weighing meat these days was more important than weighing justice.

ONE of the newspaper columnists on style writes: "The new hats for women will be wearable, as well as cashing." It's about time!

BY PUTTING a small cube of a new chemical in each pint of salt water taken from the ocean, the water becomes drinkable and free of that salty taste. Soups like soup on a 35c dinner.

PVT. LEMMY KENT knows a 1A who's developed the oldest habit, he keeps picking his ear—with a rusty nail.

M. MUHUGA of Paris closed his flea circus because the star flea died and the extras suffered from malnutrition. Well, malnutrition is better than no nutrition at all.

WHATEVER food the Nazis have plenty of is declared great in vitamin value. Expecting a bumper crop of sauerkraut that is now the "great vitamin content" food.

BY THE time two Spokane, Wash. boys were caught stealing rabbits they had many more rabbits than they had stolen originally. It proved to be a hare-raising adventure.

AN OAKLAND, Calif., bus driver forgot to stop for red light and when a policeman gave him a ticket the passengers took up a collection. The bus driver now is taking a course in color-blindness.

THE other day a crowd collected opposite the Waldorf and saw ambulance attendants and police try to arrest a nude woman prancing on the lawn. They found it difficult making a charge—since they could find nothing on her.

THE difference between a sugar daddy and his girl friend is that she knows what she wants and he wants what she no's.

COMMANDER Anthony Kimins of the Royal British Navy was leaving Stockholm by train. After he had walked in the upper bunk a German officer walked in and started to undress. Suddenly he looked up at the book the Commander was reading, dressed again and left in a hurry.

FOR your Pome Collection: You kissed and told... But that's all right... The guy you kissed: Called up last night.

TALKING about poems, Sgt. Jimmy Coolican contributes this poem to current Americana: Hollywood sent starlets to aid the Bond Drive. Their tour thru the nation made Uncle Sam thrive.

12-YEAR-OLD Robert Adler, when asked at the N. Y. Military Academy to write the answer to "Why I Was Born," said, "God willed it, my parents wanted me, and this country had need of a boy like me!"

FATAL HUNTING TRIP: Wilbur M. Laidacker of Bloomsburg, 32-year-old father of three small children, was killed last Tuesday when a shotgun accidentally discharged.

INJURED IN FALL: McKinley Smith of Columbia Cross Roads, suffered internal injuries in a fall in his barn in which he landed across the hoop of a box stall.

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Bandit Who Held Up And Robbed Beech Creek Bank Has Sentence Commuted

Crime Committed Fourteen Years Ago Recalled to Mind by Article in Lock Haven Newspaper

The following article taken from the Lock Haven Express furnishes an interesting recollection of a crime committed at Beech Creek about fourteen years ago, in which Centre county played a part in the capture of the principals.

A man who was sentenced in 1929 to serve 20 to 40 years in the Western Penitentiary and fined \$10,000 for his part in the armed robbery of the Beech Creek National Bank, and other crimes, has had his sentence commuted by Governor Edward L. Martin, making him eligible to apply to the State Parole Board for parole.

This man is Raymond Shope, of Shenley, a masonry county. Mention of his name brings to mind that quiet day of Thursday, September 9, 1929, when he and two companions—Hazard N. Kline of Clearfield and William Delaney, also of Shenley—entered the National Bank at Beech Creek, forced Aaron Haugh, the cashier, to open the vault and safe of the bank and made away with \$12,000 of the bank's funds.

Their possession of the money was short-lived, however, for within twelve hours Shope and Kline had been captured, while Delaney lay dying in the Centre County Hospital, Bellefonte, of injuries suffered when the automobile in which the three were riding crashed into a culvert at Runsville. Every cent of the money taken was returned to the bank.

Sentenced by Judge Baird. The whole lurid series of adventures, including a kidnapping, an (Continued on Page Five)

Party Of Five Bag Two Bear One Animal Had White "V" Plainly Marked on Its Black Chest

A party of five, including Henry Turk, of Winburne; Bert Harvey, of Driffling, and Steve Christoff and son, Eugene, and nephew, Robert Christoff, of Elizabeth, had the good fortune to bag two nice bears Thursday, Nov. 18, the limit for the party.

Eugene Christoff, a youthful hunter, got his Thursday morning. It weighed a little more than 250 pounds and was in good shape. Eugene would really have something to tell the boys when he arrived in camp. He left for the army the following Monday.

Turk got his Thursday afternoon, and an unusual feature of his bear was a V of pure white on its chest measuring about 5 inches long. As was stated by members of the crew, even the denizens of the forest have a little patriotism about them. His bear likewise weighed about 250.

Both animals were bagged about four to five miles down the red Moshannon creek from the bridge.

Rotary Club Backs Junk Jewelry Drive

The Bellefonte Rotary Club is sponsoring a collection of junk jewelry in Bellefonte and vicinity, to aid the soldiers overseas.

Junk jewelry is far more valuable than money in purchasing goods and services from the natives of some foreign lands, especially in the South Pacific area, and the soldiers who have been placed in White's Drug Store, at the Cornman Food Market, and at Jack Wilkinson's store in which jewelry may be placed. Various clubs in the area are asked to urge members to collect old jewelry and deposit it in one of the boxes.

At State College a recent drive resulted in the collection of more than three bushels of trinkets, which have been started on their way to the war zones.

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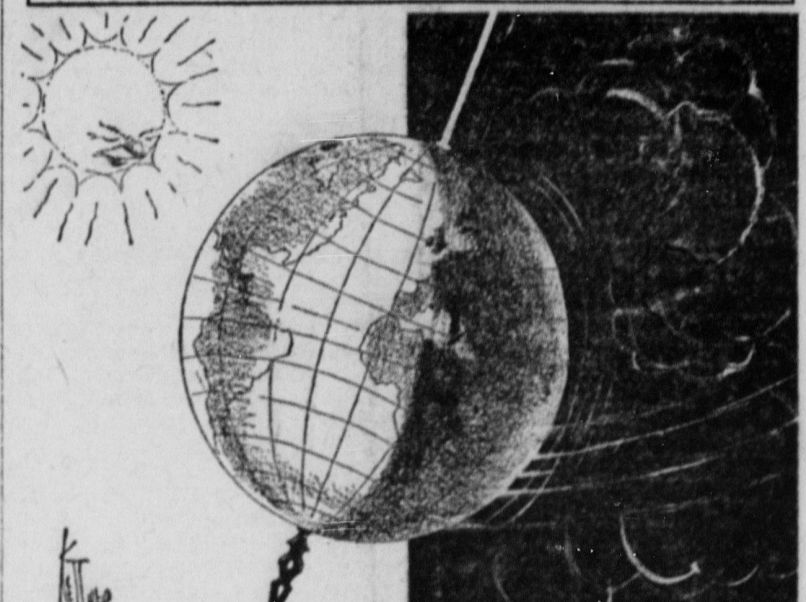
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The Pendulum Swinging Back



VICTORY | GAINS | LOSES | DEFEAT

Shaffer Store At Altoona Robbed

Robbers who entered the Shaffer grocery store on West Chestnut avenue, Altoona, Saturday night got pennies enough to start a first class penny ante poker game.

They got 793 pennies, \$8 in nickels, \$18 in war stamps, 85 cents in Canadian money, a considerable number of cigars and some cold meat.

The thieves entered the store through a cellar window and the door from the cellarway. They left by the same route. There was no clue, the police said, but indications were some one familiar with the layout of the store did the job.

The thieves apparently knew just where what they wanted was to be had and no unnecessary work or false steps were taken.

BULLET STRIKES HOME: Mrs. Teresa E. Nash, of East Main Street, Lock Haven, reported to the city police Thursday afternoon that a bullet had lodged in the frame work of a rear window of her second floor apartment, shattering the glass and endangering the lives of two roomers who were sitting in the room. Police are investigating.

Collectors To Aid Taxpayers: To assist taxpayers in the preparation of their declaration of estimated income and Victory tax returns, which must be made by December 15, deputy collectors will be at the following places in Centre county:

Howard, First National Bank, Dec. 6. Rebersburg, Rebersburg National Bank, Dec. 7. Millheim, Farmers National Bank & Trust Co., Dec. 8. State College, Post Office Building, Dec. 9, 10. Bellefonte, Post Office Building, Dec. 11, 14, 15. Centre Hall, First National Bank, Dec. 13.

The filing of a declaration of estimated income, will be required of the following:

1. Farmers who have sufficient income to require filing and have postponed filing under the special provisions of law which permit farmers to wait as late as December 15.

2. Persons who did file in September but underestimated their tax by more than 20 per cent and who should, therefore, file "Amended Declarations" to avoid penalties.

3. Persons who did not file in September because their estimated income at that time was insufficient to require filing, but now come within any one of the following classes:

A. Anyone who expects to estimate the calendar year 1943 more than \$100 gross income from a source outside of wages which are subject to withholding and who also expects sufficient gross income to require filing an income tax return (\$500 for single person, \$1,200 for a married couple, or \$624 for an individual married person).

B. Any single person expecting wages of more than \$2,700 during the year.

C. Any married person or any married couple expecting individually or together more than \$3,500 from wages during the year.

D. Any person who was required to file an income tax return for 1942 and who expects his wages in 1943 to be less than in 1942.

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2 Paper Mill Employees Meet Tragic Deaths In Separate Accidents

Foreman at Tyrone Plant Fatally Injured When Caught by Belt. Electrician at Williamsburg Mill is Electrocuted

Tragedy struck twice in the past several weeks at Blair county paper mills, claiming a foreman at the Tyrone plant and an electrician at the Williamsburg mill.

Frederick Eckley, employed as a foreman at the Tyrone paper mill, was fatally injured Monday of last week in No. 3 chemical plant in the mill. He died the following morning in the Altoona hospital. He was caught in a belt and crushed against a wheel, suffering injuries of the head and body.

Mr. Eckley was a native of Spruce Creek valley and was born November 20, 1890 at Colerain Forge. His parents are both deceased. He married Blanche McFalls at Cumberland, Md., April 27, 1913.

Mr. Eckley had been employed for a number of years at the Tyrone plant. He resided at Homewood, near Tyrone.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, are these children: Eugene, of Baltimore, Md.; Mrs. Boyd Harpster, of Neamont; Mrs. Robert Stouffer and Charles F. Eckley, both of Tyrone; Dorothy Eckley, Mary Eckley, Kenneth Eckley, and Ernest Eckley, all at home, and six grandchildren.

Also surviving are his step-father, Oscar Hamer, of Spruce Creek, a half-brother, Earl Hamer, of Spruce Creek; and three half-sisters, Mrs. Norris Hildebrand, of Alfaretta; Mrs. Charles Moser, of Huntingdon, and Mrs. James Robison, of Spruce Creek.

Charles Lester Funk, 34, electrician in the mill of the West Virginia Pulp and Paper company at Williamsburg, was instantly killed at 10 (Continued on Page Six)

Retired Merchant Fatally Stricken

Beech Creek Man Dies From Possible Over-Exertion

Lester H. Stephens, retired Beech Creek merchant, died suddenly at 4 p. m. Monday of last week while assisting his son, Glenn, in building the foundation for a garage.

Randecker Bros., were hauling ready-mixed concrete to the garage site and the driver of one of the trucks found Mr. Stephens lying on the ground when he arrived shortly after 4 p. m. Mrs. Stewart Kephart, nearby, was called and she notified Dr. George Tibbins and Glenn Stephens, who had left less than an hour before with his wife for work in Mill Hill, Dr. W. J. Shoemaker, coroner, said death resulted from acute dilation of the heart.

Mr. Stephens, a native of Hornellville, N. Y., where he was born 71 years ago last April 30, had resided here many years. He and Miss Annie Smith, who survives him, were married in 1901, and in three years later, in 1904, he and his brother-in-law, William Smith, bought the general store of the late H. C. Williams in Beech Creek, which they operated under the firm name of Smith and Stephens. Following a number of changes in the partnership, Mr. Stephens bought out the full interest in 1917 and conducted the business until his health failed in 1940.

He was a member of the I. O. O. F. Lodge of Canistota, N. Y., Washington Camp, P. O. S. of A. in Beech Creek, and had served many years as school director there.

Surviving in addition to his wife are three sons: Lt. Lynn L. and Lt. Dean T., both of Selman Field, Monroe, La.; Glenn H. of Beech Creek, and one daughter, Mrs. Harry B. Tice, of Baltimore; also five grandsons, one brother, Frank, of Hornell, N. Y., and three sisters, Mrs. Anna Swain, of Hornell; Mrs. William Adams, of Canistota, and Mrs. Tyler Horton, of Bath, N. Y.

Funeral services were held Friday at 2:30 p. m. at the Beech Creek Home, with the Rev. M. S. Rogers, assisted by Calvin B. O'Donnell, officiating. Interment was made in the Christian cemetery, Blanchard.

SAVES FARM HORSES: Mrs. Carl Laubach, of near Berwick, led two horses from a burning barn, which had caught fire in an unknown manner. One of the horses was slightly singed. The fire was extinguished before the building was greatly damaged. A half ton of hay, two saddles and other articles were destroyed.

GEN. PATTON: Everyone else, it seems, has something to say about the Gen. Patton (Continued on page six)

PTA Clears \$295 From Social, Play: Captain Joseph M. Schmucker of Williamsport, Addresses PTA on Marihuana

At a regular monthly meeting of the Bellefonte Parent-Teacher Association held last Tuesday evening at the high school cafeteria, the business session was highlighted by the report of Franklin Hoy, chairman of the Ways and Means committee, on the financial success of the box social held last month and the play recently given. A total of \$295 was realized from the two events.

President, Mrs. T. S. Guyer announced that three pianos have been presented for use in the high school auditorium and the high school at Spring street school gymnasiums, to eliminate the necessity for moving the piano for use in various parts of the building. Two of these pianos were purchased by the association, and one was a gift from Mrs. Eleanor McDowell.

Mrs. Charles Keller, chairman of the membership committee, reported that 150 new members had been acquired in the recent drive, making a total membership to date of 342. It was voted at the meeting to assume the total expense for the lumber necessary to build a sectional movable platform for use in the auditorium and gymnasiums of the schools. The platform to be constructed by the students in the manual training courses at the high school.

Captain Joseph M. Schmucker of the Detective Bureau of the Police Department of the City of Williamsport, and Sheriff-elect of Lycoming county, gave a forceful and revealing talk on juvenile delinquency, particularly as effected by the peddling of marihuana among unsuspecting school children. Parents were exhorted to bring to the attention of their children the methods employed by peddlers and agents in distributing the reefer cigarettes or the bulk weed, and to impress physical and mental effects on the smokers.

A number of examples of the weed's horrible and terrifying effects on the smokers were recited from the speaker's 20 years of experience in crusading against this vicious habit. Captain Schmucker has found that it is only through education on this subject that its lessons can be brought home to the younger generation. He has in connection with his work addressed thousands of parents and students through churches, schools and other official gatherings in Pennsylvania in an effort to impress the necessity for recognizing the viciousness of the weed and the selfish unscrupulousness of its peddlers.

SINGLE LICENSE PLATE: Pennsylvania motorists will get only one license plate for their cars next year—and more steel is needed. If all orders are to be filled, Officials at Western Pennsylvania say production of the plates already have begun with 500 tons of sheet steel of varying grades and gauges. But, they added, all the 2,500,000 plates ordered cannot be completed unless another 100 tons of steel is located. Small metal tabs were used this year to convert 1942 standard-sized plates, front and rear, to 1943 standards. Current licenses expire April 1. The 1944 plates will retain the blue and gold color scheme.

CADET FATALLY HURT: Naval Aviation Cadet George H. Sholl, Jr., 19, of Media training at the Bloomsburg Teachers College and airport was instantly killed when a wing of the plane he was flying struck a tree on the edge of a Locust township field, with the plane going about 275 feet further to crash in the muddy field and in an inverted position. It was the first fatal accident at the Bloomsburg airport in 48,900 hours of service pilot flight training.

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NOTE TO SERVICEMEN:

If you were called into service by Draft Board No. 2, Bellefonte, you probably remember that the morning you left Bellefonte an elderly woman, waving an American flag, walked with your suitcase and remained there until your train disappeared around the curve, waving her flag and wishing you good luck. Maybe you knew the woman, Lucy Hall, of Snow Shoe Intersection. Anyhow, Lucy was in town Saturday morning proudly exhibiting the first message she's received to date from "her boys." It was a card from Pvt. J. A. Bolash, resident of Clar-ence, and is Lucy ever pleased! Her address is Wingate, in case any of you want to drop her a card or a letter.

TOUGH DAYS: Those of us who are pre-Pearl Harbor fathers of draft age have some tough days ahead of us. We feel like second-string men who warm the bench while the varsity is out winning the tough game. When victory comes we're going to be half afraid to cheer for fear someone will think we imagine we had something to do with winning it.

GOLDFISH: Russell Blair, well known State College businessman, claims goldfish—the ordinary kind you get at the dime store—grow into their environment. Take a goldfish, Russell declares, and put it into an ordinary bowl, and it won't grow to any appreciable extent. But if the same fish is placed in an outdoor pond it will grow to giant size—from six inches to a foot in length. He adds that you don't have to "baby" goldfish. It doesn't matter if the pond freezes over. If you keep a log slanting from shore into the pond there will always be a small unfrozen space around the log through which the fish may be fed.

GREENS: If worst comes to worst and green groceries become unobtainable, Centre countians are favored in that a ready supply, winter and summer, is always available. Many of the streams of the county abound in water cress, a tannery of crisp water-cress is supposed to be quite healthful. Water cress grows only in limestone streams and in some cities the swankier taprooms keep bowls of it on the bar instead of pretzels. It is tasty in salads, or as a garnish for meats and fish. A sandwich filled with a thick layer of crisp water-cress is nothing to be scoffed at. Only drawback is that it requires careful washing and inspection to remove various forms of marine life which cling to the leaves and stems.

QUESTION: Question heard most frequently in Bellefonte these days is: "Where the h--- is the ash man?"

MAIL: We acknowledge receipt of a note from O. H. Bathgate, of State College, R. D. 1, in which he comments interestingly about a matter we deem inadvisable to mention here... A postal from a Stanley Goldy, of Palisades, Wash., which is ditto... A letter from J. W. Derr, jr., instructor in the Texas School for Blind, Austin, Texas, containing information which may develop a paragraph here soon... A most interesting letter from Lt. (jg) Paul S. Beaver, formerly of Bellefonte, Commander of the Thirty-Third Battalion, at the Naval Training Station, Great Lakes, Ill. Unfortunately the letter, which we believe is of general public interest, is withheld from publication... A communication from Lt. (jg) Charles A. Mensch, public relations and welfare officer at Camp Peary, Va., for a copy of the camp newspaper "Bee Lines," which he edits. The paper has been changed from a six-page stapled job to an 8-page folded one.

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

Q—Please tell me how and when to use lime. A—Put lime on whenever you have time to do it. The best way, as a rule, is to put it on a meadow in the late summer and early autumn when hauling conditions are good. It thus gets plowed under and thoroughly disked and harrowed through the soil. Q—When should I begin making a hotbed? A—Start whenever you have time. I will get you a bulletin on the subject. Q—In what type of container could I store potatoes for winter? A—They should be placed in slatted crates or shallow bins so that air can circulate around them freely. Keep potatoes in a cool, fairly damp cellar. Q—What is the feeding value of apple pomace? A—About the same as corn silage by analysis, somewhat less in actual practice, and 15 to 25 cents a bushel in dollar value. It is quite laxative and should be fed on or along with hay or with corn silage and not over ten pounds at a feeding. Q—Can I plant potatoes next year on the same land I used this season? A—Insects and diseases tend to accumulate where a crop is repeated on the same plot. Therefore it is good, general practice to buy the best quality of seed and to rotate crops each year if you can. Q—May I have information on waxing turnips for storage? A—See if your dealer can get you the regular wax emulsion with directions on the package. Lacking that, melt some ordinary paraffin, add an equal amount of white mineral oil, and dip the vegetables in that solution. Q—Should I start feeding my four-month-old chickens laying mash now or wait until they begin laying? A—They should start at five months. The change in feed should be gradual. Mix more and more laying mash with less and less growing mash. Q—How should squashes be stored? A—When picking leave a bit of the stem attached to the squash and handle with care to avoid bruising. Store in slatted crates in a dry warm place, 50 to 60 degrees F. for three or four weeks to harden the shell and retard mold; then cool down to 35 to 40 degrees, but keep the room dry.

HISTORY OF SCOTIA

By Harry M. Williams. A review of the ore washers and other machinery installed at Scotia, and how the "mud dam" at that place came into being, is given by Harry M. Williams, of Scotia, in this week's installment of his history of that now-abandoned community. The article, third in the series written by Mr. Williams, follows: Some of the machinery that was used at the Scotia ore washer was brought from Pennsylvania Furnace as it was no longer used there after the opening up of the Scotia ore mines. A greater portion of this machinery was hauled on mule-drawn wagons as the railroad hadn't been completed. Calvin Murtorff, better known to his many Scotia friends as "Bubb," the teamster who did the hauling, was the father of Harry M. Murtorff, of Bellefonte, and William G. Murtorff and Mrs. J. E. Pennington, of State College. Some of the former hostler houses were torn down and hauled to Scotia and erected there again, but most of the lumber for them was hauled in from Ardell's lumber camp at Beaver Mills. There were seven double houses and the former superintendent's house up at River Hill section, and there were eleven double houses and a couple of smaller ones at or near the works. The famous old boarding house, which could have told many stories, was built at River Hill by Steel Hunter of Bellefonte. The Ardell Lumber Company of Bellefonte had the contract for building all the double houses, each of which consisted of five rooms. A great quantity of large timber were used in building the ore washer and very large timbers were hewn or sawed. Most of the walking beams for the wells was hewn. This large timber also was brought in from Beaver Mills with six-mule teams over the mountain by way of Julian. Here we will give you an idea of how the ore washer was built and how it operated. The original ore washer was a double washer. A long wooden trestle (we have a picture of this presented by Mr. McKivison), led in from the north side of the building from near where the Methodist church stood and where the annual picnics were held. This trestle led in on a moderate grade, being several hundred feet long. It (Continued on Page Five)