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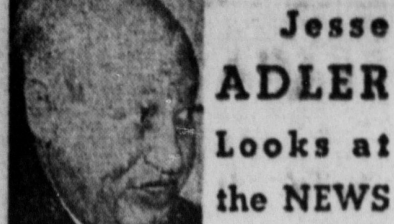
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Random Items

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Jesse Adler Looks at the NEWS

THE MIRROR reports that Geo. Washington postponed his Farewell Address for four years. That's just what the Republicans have been complaining about F. D. R.

INCIDENTALLY, the split in the Democratic Party is the best news the Republicans have had since Roosevelt had the big French elephant can't put up a good front when his trunk has been delivered to another address.

NEW YORK race tracks paid \$19,306,142 to the State in 1943 taxes. I merely say this for the record so you fellow \$2.00 contributors would not feel so lonesome.

SCIENCE has just come to the conclusion that 23 years has been added to the life of the average man in the last 50 years. I thought it just felt that way!

YOU KNOW what an average man is? It is a man who thinks he isn't!

GERMAN authorities in Paris announced that pro-Nazi Frenchmen will be permitted to carry guns. Which will have DeGaul's whole-hearted cooperation. He'll do everything in his power to see that the traitors use the pistols—on themselves.

DUE to the shortage of sugar, there'll be no peppermint sticks adorning Christmas trees this Yuletide. This isn't a popular year for suckers anyway.

WITH the ice cream so acute, it is even difficult for a columnist to get scoops!

ONE of the questions the world is asking is when will the Japs start an offensive against Russia. All I can predict is that the longer the Japs are around, the more offensive they get!

A WHITE Sulphur Springs woman had some tools stolen and advertised for the thief to return for the balance—that he couldn't do a good job without them. Like the guy who lost one diamond cuff button and advertised: "Will you buy or sell the other?"

THE GERMANS prohibited any display of flags in Holland when Italy capitulated. But the Hollanders, to show their joy, displayed flagless poles from windows, rooftops, etc. And if there's anything a Nazi hates worse than a flag, it is a Pole!

A SALT LAKE CITY man sued for divorce because his wife left him to go with a circus. She probably got tired of living with him and just working for peanuts.

ODD AND CURIOUS

Package for Tojo
A housewife brought a gaily-bedecked Christmas package to a grocery at New Haven, Conn. Attached was a large greeting card which said: "Here's to the sons of Nippon. May they meet their ancestors with their boots on." The package contained a three-pound can of salvage kitchen fat. It was signed, "American Housewife."

Beneficial
J. W. Krause, manager of a shoe factory, spoke to the Lions Club at Boonville, Mo., on "shoes and the benefits of walking." He left the meeting about 10:30 p. m. and his car while he talked.

Good-Deed Dept.
Mrs. Louis Schor, of Los Angeles, expectant mother, sprained her ankle. A bystander, Mrs. Laura Swartz, offered to drive her to a doctor. En route, the driver said, "your car has good brakes." "Heavens," cried the passenger, "this isn't my car, I thought it was yours."

DIES AS CAR OVERTURNS
Robert Sebastian, 17, of Locust Gap, near Shamokin, was instantly killed when his automobile went out of control, ran up an embankment and overturned. He was catapulted from the car, and died of a depressed fracture of the skull and internal injuries. His left arm was torn from the shoulder socket.

HISTORY OF SCOTIA

By Harry M. Williams

Practical jokes and accidents had their innings in the early days of Scotia, and some of them are reviewed this week in the latest installment of Harry M. Williams' history of that now-abandoned community. Mr. Williams is one of the few residents of the Scotia area at this time, having returned to that area several years ago after a long residence in Bellefonte.

His history continues:
What seemed to be the most important thing of all in washing ore was water, and this was saved wherever possible. A pump was installed at the breast of the mud dam just east of the railroad station, a sump hole was dug to collect the water that ran over the dam and a ten-inch cast iron pipe was placed from the water tanks to this pump and the water was pumped back into the tanks with a large steam pump.

A man was stationed there to take care of the pump, William G. Saxton tells us that he had been stationed at the pump for some time and one evening some of the men decided to have some fun and scare him. He heard them coming and he parked himself outside the pump-

Farmer, Unhurt, Found Sitting In Car After It Is Demolished by Train

Clinton County Man Has Miraculous Escape From Serious Injury In Crossing Accident at Lock Haven

Failure to see the approach of a train from the east as he drove onto the tracks of the Teachers' College railroad crossing in Lock Haven on Friday evening, George W. Englert, 60, Sugar Run, Clinton county farmer, escaped serious injury when his car was struck and demolished.

How he escaped without being killed is considered miraculous, for his car was almost literally wrapped around one of the light signal posts at the crossing. Persons on the scene just after the impact found him seated behind the wheel of the demolished vehicle, with brush burns on his face the only visible injury.

Mr. Englert was removed by ambulance to the hospital, where he was treated for brush burns of the face and left shoulder, a cut behind the left ear and a possible fracture of the left shoulder.

It was reported that police will charge Mr. Englert with failure to stop at a railroad stop signal.

Soldier Admits He Killed Child

Sunbury Mess Sergeant Quoted as Admitting Rape and Slaying

Staff Sgt. Frank Martz, of Sunbury, stationed at Fort Logan, Colo., is reported by police to have broken down after prolonged questioning and confessed to the rape and death of four-year-old Kathleen Ann Geist.

Martz is quoted to have said that a fantastic pulp-wad story about vampires had "confused his mind" and led him to lure the child to his apartment where he ravished and killed her.

In his signed statement Martz said: "Since I have had time to think over events, I can now state positively that I remember taking the girl into my room and closing the door. . . I remember striking her, choking her and beating her, and tearing off her clothes."

The child's body was found stuffed beneath a sink in Martz's apartment.

Credit Association Plans Two Meetings

At a regular meeting held December 8th, the directors of the Holiday-Bazaar Production Credit Association selected dates for the annual meeting of the association, to be held in two sections for the convenience of members attending from the 6-county area served by the organization.

The annual meeting this year will be in the nature of a 10th anniversary celebration in recognition of the completion of 10 years of short term credit service to farmers by the local Production Credit Association. Organized as a Farmers' Cooperative on January 4, 1934, the association has progressed each year and now has over 500 farmer-members.

FIRE DESTROYS MEAT

A butcher house belonging to Samuel Kline at Sells Grove, Pa., was destroyed by fire, the loss of \$2,000 including the building, meat, lard, tools and equipment. The building also contained 1,000 feet of lumber, stored there by the owner.

WILL REPAIR BRIDGE

The lower bridge over Fishing Creek at Mill Hill will be closed to all traffic starting this week, until a new floor has been laid, the County Commissioners report.

HURT IN MINE ACCIDENT

Evald Allberg, about 22, of Lantz, was injured last Wednesday in an accident at the Pennsylvania Coal and Coke mine at Winburne. The accident is said to have happened about four miles from the mine entrance about 9 o'clock in the morning when he got his right foot caught and crushed between two cars. He was placed on a mine rescue stretcher and brought out by riding on top of a mine car. He was left right on the same stretcher and taken to the Phillipsburg State hospital in the Hope ambulance.

WAR CASUALTIES

This war has already cost the lives of as many Penn State graduates as were lost throughout the first World War, officials of the Penn State Alumni Association has announced. Dead and missing in action number 74, which was the College's death toll in the first global conflict. Eight others have been listed as prisoners of war. The number of former students and alumni in active service is estimated at 7500.

SEVERELY BURNED
Daniel Jones, formerly of Blossburg, received serious face burns recently while repairing a steam shovel. He is confined to his Scranton home.

Santa's Reclamation Center



Driver Overcome Philipsburg Man By Gas Fumes Hurt in Accident

Car of Howard R. D. 1 Man Strikes Another Vehicle on Street

Charles Weaver, 71, of Howard, R. D. 1, was partially overcome by gas fumes Wednesday of last week and as a result his car struck the car owned by Mrs. Bertha Kenschman, in an accident at his mine midway between Phillipsburg and Blue Bell.

Weaver was taken to the Lock Haven Hospital but refused to go to bed and was taken to police headquarters while a patrolman notified his family.

Police say Mr. Weaver was partially overcome by the gas fumes as he drove east on Church street, and when he pulled to the curb preparatory to parking, his car hit the Kenschman automobile.

This was the second accident for the Kenschman car in two days. On the previous Monday afternoon the car, parked in the same spot, was struck by another vehicle operated by Mrs. Dorothy E. Peddigree of Swissvale.

Missionary Candidate to Speak in Churches

Elizabeth H. Sheets, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. L. F. Sheets of Milesburg, who recently graduated from the missionary course of the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago, will speak in a number of churches during December and January.

The first meeting will be in the Houseville United Brethren church on Sunday evening, December 19 at 7:30. Other meetings will be as follows: in the Monument Church of Christ on Tuesday evening, Dec. 28 at 7:30; in the Orviston Church of Christ on Wednesday evening, Dec. 29 at 7:30; in the Romola Church of Christ, December 30 at 8 p. m.; in the Bellefonte Evangelical church on January 9 at 9:30 a. m., and in the Bellefonte United Brethren church on the same day at 7:30 p. m. At these meetings Miss Sheets will tell of the needs of the mission.

Two Confess To Robbing Clubs

Charged With Breaking Into Lock Haven and Williamsport Places

Delbert Leon Quick, Lock Haven R. D. 1, and John J. Bower, of Jersey Shore, have confessed to police authorities to the robbery of \$300 from the Ex-Servicemen's Club of South Williamsport, November 23, and the \$800 robbery of the Lock Haven Moose Club on Oct. 31.

The men are about 25 years of age and are in jail at Clearfield, where they are charged with stealing \$20 from a store in DuBois. Bower, according to police, served time at Rockview for larceny of an automobile.

J. Thomas Mitchell Writes History Of Bar

In considering this period of our history, we must continually bear in mind that our forefathers planned our government to be conducted by those who owned property, or those who had something of a good education. Also, that as late as the year of the establishment of our common school system, 1835, a survey had shown that scarcely five per cent of our population were educated, even at that time. Hence, especially deep in the mountain regions of central Pennsylvania, it is easy to see why the lawyer, with a classical education, was looked upon as a sort of a "superman" by the average man in the early days of the last century.

1815-1826; Term of Judge Charles Huston
Charles Huston received his appointment in 1818, and the first lawyer admitted during his term was Gratz Etting, formerly of the Philadelphia Bar. Etting was a member of the great land owning families of Orate and Etting, who were also deeply interested in the iron business, and his appearance here was chiefly in the interest of his father's contracts with the iron firms of this county, which were multiplying rapidly. Nine years later, while Huston was a member of the Supreme Court, he returned to Bellefonte to preside over a mem-

orial meeting of the Bar, and appointed Etting as secretary of the meeting, which seems to be the last time his name appears on our records.

At Huston's first term of court James Monks was tried for murder. He had shot and killed another white man. Gratz Etting was the deputy Attorney-General and John Blanchard assisted him in the prosecution, while for the defense appeared William Norris, Thomas Burnside and William W. Potter. Monks was convicted and hung at a spot near the present intersection of Ridge street and Cherry Alley in Bellefonte. Several deeds after that date refer to the street as "Monk's Alley."

The next admittance, in 1821, was Bond Valentine, a Quaker, formerly of Chester county, and the junior member of the great iron firm of Valentines and Thomas. He represented the county in the legislature for three terms during the Petrkin domination of our politics. In the same year S. Miles Green, John G. Miles and Abraham S. Wilson were admitted. Green was the son of Joseph Green, the expert carpenter and contractor, who had come to Milesburg Forge with Richard Miles and his relatives. He became deeply interested in criminal law, but in

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It is claimed the new rocket shell is filled with a special mixture of compressed gases which create an explosive power exceeding anything hitherto produced.

While Washington diplomatic observers view with skepticism the likelihood of a 20-ton shell being fired 125 miles, the possibility is seen that the Germans may have developed a rocket weapon that might carry fifty miles or so. A continuous barrage of such shells might cause considerable damage to the military supplies which presumably are being concentrated in southern England in preparation for the invasion of western Europe.

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Overseas Letter From Pfc. Stover

Bellefonte Boy Writes Fearfully of Home and Mother

The following letter was received from Pfc. John F. Stover, who is serving on foreign soil.

Somehow overseas. To The Editor, Centre Democrat: This is one of the boys from Bellefonte, and I would like to put an announcement in the paper that I am overseas and as well as happy. I would like to hear from all of you. I don't have a picture right now but whenever I get one I'll send it to you. I had been in Camp Shelby, Miss., with the 190th and was with the boys that were from Bellefonte. I don't know if my mother and father are getting the paper, but I am getting it and would like to keep on getting it until I get home. There are a lot of the boys' pictures that I know in the paper, so keep that in mind and I will try to keep writing. If I send a poem for you to put in for all the mothers, will you publish it for me? I have one poem and I am sending it with this letter and would like you to put it in your paper with this letter, for I feel that it will make the people all realize that there is one boy who would like to be there. I was employed with the Whitaker Quarries for a long time and would like to be there working again now. If there are any boys who think about these questions, there are a lot of them that should see it.

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MILESBOURG SCOUTS TO SELL CHRISTMAS TREES

Members of Milesburg Boy Scout troop will sell Christmas trees beginning December 18. Proceeds will be put in the troop treasury.

The sale of the trees is primarily for the vicinity of Milesburg and Central City, and a place near the Scout room will be established where the trees will be displayed. Anyone wishing to engage a tree may contact any Scout, Scouter, Guy Johnson, Scoutmaster, or Rev. Heves Phillips, assistant Scoutmaster.

OVERCOME BY FUMES

Two employees of the Renovo P. R. R. shops—Ammon Eckel, Jr., of North Bend, and E. D. Hall, of Beech Creek, were overcome by fumes while at work in a boiler last Tuesday morning. They were taken by ambulance to the Renovo Hospital where they were revived by an oxygen machine and later removed to their homes.

FALL FATAL TO CHILD

Robert Clair Fedder, 4, son of Mr. and Mrs. Burton Fedder, of Bloomsburg, R. D. died in the Bloomsburg Hospital as the result of a blow on the head received Saturday in a fall down the cellar steps at his Lime Ridge home. It is believed he suffered a hemorrhage of the brain.

HUNTER HURT IN FALL

Joseph Giannini, of Norristown, broke his right arm when he stumbled over a rock while hunting at Pete's Run, on South Mountain near Renovo. He was chasing a deer when the accident occurred. He was treated at the Renovo Hospital.

HURT BY HORSE'S KICK

Mervin Mensch, 30, of Freewill, near Calawissa, was badly injured when kicked by a horse. He is under treatment at Bloomsburg.

FATALLY SCALDED
Scalds of the back and hips, suffered by Barbara Hess, aged 2, of Orangeville, when she fell into a tub of hot water, proved fatal in the Berwick Hospital.

WE VOTE AYE:

Maybe it is unpatriotic, what with the shortage of manpower and all, but we still would like to see a nice big community Christmas tree on the Diamond. The powers that be claim there's no use in having a tree since it isn't permissible to use outdoor lights. We could do without the lights. The town just doesn't look like Christmas without even a sprig of additional evergreen on the Diamond. Couldn't they put up a tree and hang some doo-dads on it to look like trimming? That's what the original Christmas trees looked like, anyway. After all, it doesn't matter how richly or how poorly the tree is trimmed. The wealth of pleasant memories suggested by the sight of a Christmas tree is what really counts.

SATISFACTION:

Maybe some of the local boys who won't be home for Christmas may be repaid by spending the Yule season in the land where the first Christmas took place. We can imagine few things finer than to spend a Christmas season in the area best known for the event that happened there 1943 years ago.

CURE:

At the risk of getting the raised eyebrow from some of our physician friends, we venture to submit to you a cold and gripe preventive and cure recommended by Jim Weaver, of Pine Street. Jim reports that if you take hot water and soap and wash your face and hands thoroughly three or four times a day, you won't be troubled by colds or gripe. In case you do come down with these ills, Jim adds, the washing process will make you feel immeasurably better. All we know about this cure is that it certainly can't hurt you.

DEAR, DEAR!

We hear that there's a pistol packin' mamma gunning for us as a result of some things we've said about the Peace Now Movement. We still don't like the looks of the Movement, and we view with distrust the motives of its leaders. We'll continue in that belief until the opposite is proved.

SUSPECT:

From time to time we hear about alleged "suspects" in the Taylor murder case. We still cling to the contention that we're not getting to lose any sleep until they get a person with blonde hair, small feet, and a plausible account of how Rachel Taylor, arms full of coats, books and bundles, was persuaded to enter the slayer's car at 1:30 a. m. March 28, 1940, after she had walked almost the entire distance from the bus station to her room in Atherton Hall.

NOTE:

To C. Y. Wagner, of Wagner's Mill. Your grandson, Billy Wagner, asked by his teacher in third grade to compose a poem the other day, wrote: "Bill went over the hill to get to the mill." It was a swell effort, but he should have worked that name Wagner in somewhere to get full advertising value.

ANSWER:

Bellefonte's Mallard ducks stay where they are down at the falls instead of flying south for the winter. (Continued on Page Eight)



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