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Jesse ADLER Looks at the NEWS

HITLER knows how what is meant by "Russian Baths: "Full Steam Ahead!"

JUST got a letter from my girl. Know what she wants in her Xmas stocking? Another stocking!

A PITTSBURGH man received \$2,500,000 in bonds last week. He immediately notified the Federal Reserve. Probably thought he couldn't afford to be a millionaire!

A CHICAGO woman, married in Rockford, Ill., found she picked up the wrong bag. Instead of having her trousseau and license it had a shotgun and ammunition. Probably got the wrong shotgun. (Shotgun, in New Yorkese meaning marriage broker).

A WASHINGTON restaurant man asked the OPA for permission to raise prices and showed them his ledger written in Chinese. Their answer is: SO SULLY!

POLICE rescued a full grown howling black cat from its perch on a beam of the 3rd avenue El. It isn't the first time a cat's been on the beam—or don't you dig me brother!

A U. S. SOLDIER in California did not know what happened to his false teeth, until they were returned by the laundry man. With choice biting remarks?

NOW we realize why we can't stand Frank Sinatra's voice. Everything he sings is in the key of 4F!

INCIDENTALLY a 42nd St. shoe window had this sign: "Make This a Height Xmas—Give Elevator Shoes—So He Can Be Taller Than You Are!"

THE Seattle (Wash.) chapter of the Sourdough Club spent \$74 to stage an ersatz blizzard. Silver lining: Nobody caught cold!

EPITAPH DEPT.: (Write one—if we use it we send you a buck immediately. Just address Jesse Adler, care of this newspaper.) Here's Hitler, no gum. On his way to Hades. O No-good bum. Double in Spades.

Mussolini, the jerk. Lies in this place. His head in the muck. His boot in his face.

Tojo the Jap. Is taking a nap. He lost his big bet. Thru a Yank bayonet.

AFTERPIECE: Merry Christmas, folks—and may the Yule-tide keep turning in our direction 'til the Hour of Victory!

ODD AND CURIOUS

Anyone See Nude Turkey?

Reporters and photographers of the Augusta, Ga., Herald staff are on a turkey hunt. They are looking for a bird without any feathers and wearing a droopy look. The turkey, they were told by a school teacher, was purchased for Christmas dinner by another school teacher. Having no men in the family, the latter hit upon the idea of chloroforming instead of beheading the bird. She then dry-picked the turkey and put it in the refrigerator. The following day, the story goes, she opened the refrigerator and the nude turkey staggered out. School teacher No. 1 stoutly avers that school teacher No. 2 was overcome with remorse and fixed a sweater for the de-feathered bird. The Herald staff wants to find out if the turkey out-lived Christmas, too.

Old Way Still Good

Modern improvements don't cut any ice—or at least, grind any corn—for J. J. Green, a miller of the old school at Chattanooga, Tenn. Green operates a 100-year-old mill on Hixson Creek, with the water gurgling through the same flume and over the same wheel and the corn being ground by the same stone crushers, that have been there for a century.

Lift Restrictions on Binder Twine

Farmers may now use binder twine where needed in growing, harvesting, or shipping agricultural products. Previously, use of binder twine was restricted to mechanical self-tying binders.

J. Thomas Mitchell Writes History Of Bar

1826-1841—Term of Judge Thomas Burnside. By 1826, when Burnside became our judge, the first six members of our original Bar had disappeared from its list. Those remaining, in addition to the judge himself, were Potter, Blanchard, Eiting, Valentin, Green and Petrikin. The great advance of our iron industry, the discovery of coal in the Snow Shoe region, the large amount of lumbering going on, together with the beginning of canal construction, made business, as well as the legal profession, known. The beginnings of our great ejectment suits involving original locations were in the making, and the trying of these cases was a strenuous endeavor, since new methods of practice and new precedents were being established. The first member to be admitted under Judge Burnside was James Macmanus, who became particularly well known as a criminal prosecutor. He received three separate appointments as deputy Attorney-General, as well as representing the county in the legislature. He retired from active practice about the time his son was admitted to the Bar, and

Reporter Goes Ashore With First Wave of Yank Invaders On New Britain

Associated Press War Correspondent Tells What Is Like to Be Shot At, in One of Most Thrilling Battles

(Editor's note: Robert Emsom, 31-year-old native of Billings, Mont., who made his initial appearance as a war correspondent in June of this year, went ashore with the American forces which invaded New Britain last Wednesday. Here is his story of the invasion, released by the Associated Press.)

By Robert Emsom With The American Sixth Army at Arawe, New Britain, Dec. 18—We were 35 yards from shore when the Japanese opened up. There was a jabbering in Japanese and then red tracer bullets popped at us from each side—thousands of firecrackers coming our way in streams.

The Japanese apparently were ready and waiting for our rubber boats to slide over a reef before we crossed the last narrow strip of water to the New Britain shore. They caught us on the reef and killed about one quarter of our small force. It was 5:30 a. m., one hour before the main landing was to take place on Orange beach at the foot of the Arawe peninsula.

Capt. Edward Wright, Dallas, led his Texans who were to establish the first beachhead at the top of the peninsula and cut off the Japanese line of retreat from the main assault. Wright, six feet two and weighing 185 pounds, was in the first rubber boat. We went towards the shore in Echelon formation of three boats to a wave.

In First Boat I was in the first boat of the first wave. We left our ship at 5:08 a. m. A bright moon was shining when the sailors threw our boats into the water. We let our machine guns and typewriter down off the deck with long ropes. Then we scrambled over the side.

The sea was black in the moonlight. Our boats were bouncing silhouettes. We knew if any Japanese were (Continued on Page 51a)

Derailment of 13 cars of a New York Central freight train took place last Thursday inside Fulton Tunnel, about four miles east of Clearfield. No one was injured. The train was enroute from Clearfield to Newbury.

Cause of the wreck was not determined immediately, the railroad reported. The cars involved, all of which were loaded with freight and coal, were in the middle of the long trestle. Wrecking crews were rushed to the scene from Avis and Clearfield and the arduous task of pulling the cars from the tunnel and restoring the damaged track was begun.

The wreck tied up all traffic on the river line, forcing the railroad to move all its east and west-bound trains over the Beech Creek branch by way of Munson and Viaduct. Railroad men said the tunnel in which the accident occurred is the longest on the river line. A single track at that point makes the wreckage more difficult, it was said.

HARVESTERS BAG THREE NICE BUCKS IN ALLEGHENIES

The Harpster brothers, John of Lebanon, George of Port Matilda, William of Wilkesburg, Arthur of East Tyrone, and Simon of Tyrone, with three sons and a grandson, spent the first week of deer season at their camp in the Alleghenies.

In addition to building up their vitality for another year with generous portions of buckwheat cakes and sausages, they were successful in getting three nice bucks, a four, a six and an eight-point falling before their deadly rifles.

TWO ARE MISSING The War Department has announced that two Osceola Mills soldiers are missing in action—one in the European and the other in the Mediterranean area of war. Mrs. Kate Petrosky has been advised that her son, Sgt. Chester C. Petrosky, is missing in the European fighting. Mrs. Leona Brantner has been advised that her husband, Pvt. Thomas J. Brantner, is missing in the Mediterranean sector.

MEAN HUNTER One of the meanest hunters reported this year is in the Elk county jail, serving a 104-day sentence. He is Albert Cerpo, of Fayette county, who shot a buck deer and then shot off the antlers to make it appear like a doe. He is the only prisoner in the jail.

Suspender Buttons Back Suspender buttons are to be restored to men's work pants, according to an amendment of WPB's order L-181.

Applications Ready Now for Crop Loans Pointing out the desirability of purchasing fertilizer and other supplies for 1944 crops well in advance of the planting season, N. Archer Ogden of the Emergency Crop and Feed Loan Office at Clearfield has announced that he is now accepting applications for crop and feed loans for spring planting.

"The War Food Administration is urging the early purchase and storage on farms of fertilizer required for 1944 crop production," Ogden said. "Due to the tight labor situation, transportation difficulties, and limited storage facilities off the farm, considerable quantities of fertilizer must be purchased and delivered to farmers over a six months period rather than the usual sixty day period."

In order that farmers in this section cooperate and purchase their fertilizer, seed, and other supplies at this time, the Emergency Crop and Feed Loan Office is prepared to make loans up to \$400 to those farmers who are eligible," he continued. "Advances on these loans will be made as the money is needed."

Crop loans are secured by a first lien on the crops to be produced and feed loans by a chattel mortgage on the livestock to be fed. The interest rate is 4 per cent per year. Farmers who wish to apply may communicate with N. Archer Ogden, Box 750, Clearfield, Pa., who will arrange to accept their applications.

SUES RAILROAD COMPANY The Pennsylvania railroad has been named defendant in two actions filed in federal court at Scranton by the office of United States Attorney Frederick V. Polimer, each suit asking judgment of \$500. The railroad is charged with having kept 18 horses confined for more than 36 hours without food and water, and keeping 246 dogs confined in excess of 36 hours without food and water.

GASOLINE TAX DUE Centre county's share of the liquid fuel taxes collected from June 1 to Dec. 1 in the state is \$18,227.95, according to an announcement from Auditor General F. Clair Ross, who said that payment by the Commonwealth had been approved. The check will likely arrive soon.

WALL IS BEING REPAIRED A crew of five employees of the State Highway Department is at work repairing the retaining wall on the cut-off through the hill to Flemington on Highway Route 220. The crumbling wall is being razed and relaid on a reinforced base.

A GLOBAL CHRISTMAS



Station Agent Takes Own Life Woodland Man Had Been Under Nervous Strain For Several Weeks

Lawrence A. Shultz, station agent at Woodland, Clearfield county, under a nervous strain for several weeks, shot himself at his home last Thursday. The act was pronounced suicidal.

Agent Shultz was born at Spruce Creek, Sept. 16, 1900, and entered the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad company as an extra clerk and warehouseman December 18, 1919. He later worked as a regular clerk and baggage agent until Feb. 1, 1930, when he became agent at Sprout. He had been stationed at Woodland since June 1, 1941.

He is survived by his widow and a son at home, another son in the army in Texas, and a daughter residing at Spruce Creek.

NAMED CHIEF DISTRICT ENFORCEMENT OFFICER Appointment of Wayne R. Bettner of Chicago, as Chief District OPA Enforcement Attorney for the Williamsport OPA District, was announced this week by Ray S. Thrall, district director. He will have charge of enforcement activities throughout the 14-county OPA District with headquarters in Williamsport.

Mr. Bettner has been the Price Attorney in the Williamsport office since June 15, 1943. He is a native of Illinois and a graduate of Northwestern University and of the University of Illinois Law School, with one year of graduate work in the Law School of Columbia University, and a member of the bar of the State of Illinois and of the Middle District of Pennsylvania, Federal District.

A resident of Williamsport for several months, he resides with his wife and daughter at 942 West Third street, Williamsport.

LOSSES BOTH LEGS William J. Higgins, 35, of Sunbury, a Pennsylvania Railroad brakeman, lost both legs beneath a freight train in the Pavonia yards at Camden, N. J., last Thursday. He is in a critical condition. Cooper Hospital reported.

German Bombs Infiltrate 1000 Casualties at Bari, Adriatic Port German bombers catching Allied defenders off the Italian Adriatic port of Bari unprepared on December 2, sank 17 Allied ships and inflicted 1000 casualties, it was disclosed last week.

One official source said the German bombs, plus the explosion of two ammunition dumps, damaged many more United Nations vessels. It was the worst Allied disaster of its kind since Pearl Harbor.

The Jap attack on Pearl Harbor cost the United States four ships irreparably lost—the battleship Arizona, two destroyers and a target ship—varying degrees of damage to 15 other vessels, including seven battleships and three cruisers.

Most Were Cargo Ships. Most, if not all of the ships lost in the Bari debacle were understood (Continued on Page 51a)

Gift Packages Point Free Gift packages of jams, jellies, fruit butter, preserves, and non-citrus marmalade that were packed before October 23 for sale as Christmas gifts may be bought point-free through January 8, OPA said recently. Because the packages were made up before these foods were rationed, and because they are often assembled in packages with such highly perishable products as cakes and cookies, it is necessary to sell them speedily to prevent waste.

SCHOOL HOUSE BURNED A two and one-half story brick school building was destroyed by fire in Blandburg Friday night despite the efforts of the Bellwood volunteer fire company. The books and other equipment were destroyed by fire which was believed to have had its inception in a hole in the flue. Insurance in the amount of \$20,000 is carried on the building which will only partially cover the loss. The premium was paid on Thursday.

BABY SUFFOCATED Two-year-old Henrietta Stroppe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Stroppe, of Towanda, was suffocated when a fire broke out in her play room. Two other Stroppe children, Susan, six months, and John, 4, were taken to Packard Hospital in a serious condition. The house was not seriously damaged.

BREAKS LEG AT DANCE Miss Deborah M. Bentley, dietitian at the Lock Haven Teachers' College, broke her right leg between the ankle and the knee while dancing at the Christmas party at the gymnasium last Thursday evening. She is a patient at the Lock Haven Hospital.

CONDUCTOR INJURED Glenn H. Hitzell, of Cresson, veteran Pennsylvania railroad conductor, was painfully injured Thursday morning when he fell from his train to the tracks at the Bradley Junction. Hitzell received a badly-bruised hip in the fall.

FIRE LOSS \$4,000 A two-story frame house and garage, at the rear of the Salberg grist mill near Ridgway, was badly damaged by a fire which entailed a loss estimated at \$4,000. Two calves, 25 chickens and various oil well supplies were consumed in the fire, which is believed to have been caused by defective wiring.

2 Killed In Motor Crash As Car Hits Abutment of Bridge West End of Avis

Charles F. Frye, 32, Lock Haven Business Man, Dies Instantly. Miss Betty J. Brown Succumbs Later In Hospital

Two persons, one of them a Lock Haven resident, lost their lives Saturday morning in Clinton county's worst automobile accident in years.

The dead are Charles F. "Dick" Frye, 32, of Lock Haven, and Miss Betty Brown, 23, of Jersey Shore. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel H. Brown and was employed as bookkeeper by her father, who conducts the Brown Transportation Co.

Mr. Frye, manager of the Automotive Supply Store on Bellefonte avenue, Lock Haven, died instantly as his car struck a concrete bridge abutment on the new highway about six miles east of Lock Haven. The impact literally tore the car into two parts, front and back. Mr. Frye's body and the rear portion of his two-door coach were lying over the abutment, while the front end of the car in which Miss Brown was slumped was found about 30 feet east of the abutment. Miss Brown was rushed to the Jersey Shore Community Hospital where she died at 7:40 o'clock, a little over an hour after the accident.

The State Police at Lock Haven received a call about 6:30 o'clock and went to the scene to begin an investigation, which they are continuing. As far as the police know, Mr. Frye and Miss Brown were alone in the car as it traveled east on the highway. The vehicle apparently ran off the left side of the road and hit the concrete abutment with the left front fender.

Dr. W. J. Shoemaker, Clinton county coroner, and Dr. L. M. Knauer, of Newberry, Lycoming county coroner, were both summoned since the man's death occurred in Clinton county and the young woman died in the neighboring county. Both released the bodies for burial, after making the usual inquiries, and no inquests will be held.

Miss Brown's body was taken to a Jersey Shore funeral home while Mr. Frye's body is at the Helt Funeral Home.

Mr. Frye was born in Tyrone, lived (Continued on page 51a)

Dairymen Hold Annual Dinner Centre and Clinton County Association Meet at Mill Hall

The annual dinner for Centre and Clinton county dairymen who are members of dairy herd improvement associations, was held on Friday evening, December 10, in the Church of Christ at Mill Hall. Over one hundred dairymen and their wives gathered for the occasion.

Speakers on the program were Mr. R. H. Olmstead, Dairy Extension Specialist of the Pennsylvania State College, who discussed the dairy feed situation, and Mr. C. R. Gearhart, of State College, who is in charge of dairy herd improvement work in the state. In presenting the awards for outstanding herd records, Mr. Gearhart stated that the average production for the Centre No. 1 and No. 2 associations is the highest average for any county group in the state, which was 10,040 pounds of milk, and 284.3 pounds of butterfat per cow. He also stated that the feed cost per 100 pounds of milk for these association members during the past year was \$1.20 per hundred, or the average cost of feed per cow was \$120.58.

During the year, 1422 cows were on test out of 54 herds. Of this group, 12 herds had a yearly average of over 400 pounds butterfat. The following three herds produced over 500 pounds butterfat: Western Penitentiary, Bellefonte; Hugh L. Wilson, Stormstown; J. Harold Long, Salona. Other herds in the 400 pound group are: W. E. Hackman, Rebersburg; Pennsylvania State College, State College; Ellis D. Bearick, Millheim; F. E. MacIntire, Rebersburg; C. F. Beck, Warriors Mark; W. L. Confer and Son, McElhattan; J. B. Strunk, Mill Hall; E. M. Peters, Port Matilda; and Locust Lane Farm, Beech Creek.

The Pennsylvania Dairymen's Association presented certificates of award for high production to all members whose herds averaged over 300 pounds of butterfat.

Following the dinner, the Centre No. 1 and No. 2 associations met and elected the following officers for 1944: No. 1 Association president, Eugene Ellenberger, Warriors Mark; vice president, T. C. Kryder, Mill Hall; secretary-treasurer, Hugh L. Wilson, Stormstown; No. 2 Association president, Harry Confer, Howard; vice president, Ward Krapp, Bellefonte; secretary-treasurer, Ellis Rearick, Millheim.

Most Cottage Cheese Rationed Practically all creamed cottage cheese is under rationing because brown stamps now are required for this type of cheese containing 4 per cent or more butterfat. OPA pointed out previously, only creamed cottage cheese with a butterfat content of more than 5 per cent had been rationed under the meats-fats cheese program.

The hardest job is the one that you put off until the last minute.

THREE BREAK JAIL Three prisoners escaped from the Bradford county jail at Towanda, last Saturday morning, using a rope of blankets to descend from the inside of the tower at the top of the building to the ground. Two of them were captured late that night, but the other remains at large. He is George Brandau of Rome, N. Y., a former inmate of the Elmira Reformatory.

SAWMILL BURNS The sawmill of Elmer Klingler, located near Himmel's church, Sunbury area, was badly damaged by fire with a loss of \$2,500. The blaze is believed to have started from sparks thrown out from the heating plant. The apparatus in the mill had been in use for only a year.

CAR TURNS OVER 8 TIMES By a seeming miracle David Holden of Danville, R. D. 2, escaped serious injury when his car was demolished on the highway near Bloomsburg. It rolled over eight times as it traveled 125 feet along the highway. He faces a charge of failure to yield right of way.

BADLY HURT IN CRASH Mrs. Oscar E. Lettler, wife of a former Berwick postmaster, was seriously injured and Mrs. Frank Cartwright suffered severe shock when the car in which they were riding figured in a collision with another machine, that came onto the highway from a side road.

BOOM WARTHUR Plans for a national convention of "MacArthur for President" clubs in Chicago early next year were announced last week.

Buy Defense Bonds now!

MAIL:

T/S Robert Woodring, son of County Recorder and Mrs. Leamer Woodring, of Milesburg, who is with the Amphibian Engineers in Australia, hit the mail jackpot over there recently. Late in July he fractured a leg and was sent to a hospital. That upset his merrily about and the army didn't catch up with his new address. So recently when he was discharged from the hospital and returned to his outfit he received in three days' time a total of 70 letters which had been piling up here and there waiting for him to turn up.

CHILL: An elderly Port Matilda man, after sampling a bowl of chili at a well known Bellefonte taproom, last week, dropped in at this office and after commenting "catch up with the horrors of the chili asked in all seriousness: "Say, you don't suppose that fellow (the owner of the taproom) would be capable of sabotage, do you?"

THE SIMPLE LIFE: We just heard a little yarn about a couple of elderly sisters living in Bellefonte. They had a new automatic gas water heater installed in their home and after the thing was in operation they decided that it made the water too hot. So they solved the problem by keeping the hot water faucet partly open and allowing the real hot water to go down the drain. Everything went well, they say, until the first month's bill for gas was received.

P. S.: The board of health went around to look at the chili at that taproom mentioned several paragraphs ago, and the board reports that the chili, by gum, was all right. "As good a bowl of chili as we ever ate," the board, through its spokesman Karl E. Kusek, declared. This corner, champion of unimportant little things which after all do matter, is for keeping the chili savory and wholesome. We suspect the war's being blamed for too darned much chiseling, hedging, and giving of inferior quality and service.

LONG TIME: Just offhand it seems like a long time since any Rockview inmates have escaped from the institution. Bet, Deputy Warden "C" Rhoads isn't complaining about that condition.

SKATING: Last week's below-zero temperatures froze for six inches thick and more on Centre county ponds and streams. Ice skating was excellent, and in the comparatively warm days during the weekend skaters were able to enjoy the sport without undue discomfort from the cold. Last winter, skaters claim they had only two days of good skating. They've had more than that so far this year.

STORMS: Bellefonte's unusually severe lime dust "storms" continue unabated. Rooftops, porches, sidewalks, streets—every horizontal surface is covered with the gray-white powder. The dust swirls through small cracks around windows and doors and gathers in dirty piles on window-sills. It tracks into homes and business places. It is suspected that lime dust destroys paint, that it is injurious to health, may be the cause of much sinus trouble in this area. Let's stop talking about it and DO something.

TO ALL: And now to all of you and especially to you readers in the armed forces in far-off corners of the world, we extend the season's greetings and the sincere hope that 1944 will bring a real and lasting peace.

Syrup Prices Are Higher Retail prices for cane syrup have been increased by OPA as a result of refiguring the parity formula, which resulted in increased returns to sugar cane growers. Increases in No. 10 cans—slightly less than one gallon—are about 10 cents for country cane syrup, formerly known as Louisiana cane syrup, and 4 to 5 cents for commercial cane syrup, formerly known as Georgia cane syrup. Accumulators, mostly country store operators, have been granted an increase from 1 to 2 cents a gallon for their handling charge.

FARM QUESTION BOX by ED W. MITCHELL, Farm Advisor, General Electric Station WCY. Includes a portrait of Ed W. Mitchell.

Q—What will kill cockroaches? A—If you fumigate, you have to hire a licensed fumigator and get a permit and vacate the house. For your roaches, dust a little bit of sodium fluoride around the pipes, cracks, and corners. Children and pets will not bother it and cannot get enough to hurt them if you keep the box out of reach. Q—How much protein is in wet brewery grains? A—They run about five per cent crude protein and are about equal to goodilage in feeding value. You see, they are about 75 per cent water, which cuts the digestible food in them by 75 per cent. Q—May I have a bulletin on grafting apple trees? A—Very glad to get one for you. Q—What temperature should the water be when scalding a hog? Ans.—It depends a little on the hog and the weather. For an old hog on a cold day, have the water as near 180 degrees F as you can get it; for a smaller hog and warmer weather, around 160 to 170 degrees will do. Be careful not to cook it too much. Just as with picking a chicken, scald the hog up and down in the water, scrape a few bristles and scald some more until they scrape off easily. I will get you a good bulletin on butchering. Q—How can I stop leaks in a cellar foundation? A—In most cases you have to put tar or asphalt paint on the outside of a wall or hole to stop leaks, but you might stop them by forcing asphalt roof cement into the holes with an automobile-type grease gun. You will have to devise some method of getting a close fit so the grease will penetrate the hole instead of spreading out over the side of the wall. If you try it, let me know your results so I can help the next