

Jesse ADLER Looks at the NEWS

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Random Items

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State's Death Chair Has Claimed Lives of 293 Since Its Installation

First Electrocutation Took Place February 23, 1915; Irene Schroder, Gun Girl, Only Woman to Die In Chair

Pennsylvania's death chair, that simple but effective oak constructed electric "killer" at Rockview Penitentiary...

Agricultural Group to Meet

Centre County Extension Association to Hold Session Jan. 7

The annual meeting of the Centre County Agricultural Extension Service will be held in the Court House...

County Native Was 98, Friday

William Fleming, Tyrone, Was Born at Hecla, Centre County

William Fleming, Tyrone's oldest and most highly respected citizen, celebrated his 98th birthday anniversary on December 31...

ODD AND CURIOUS

Boy Weds Girl. Fourteen-year-old David Meacham, Jr. was granted a license in Jackson county, Ohio...

Crash That Helped. Larry Hightower, three, of Barnberg, S. C. got just what the doctor ordered in his automobile wreck...

IF MUSSOLINI is dead as rumored, it is about as important as your ex-mother-in-law thinks about you.

ADD Leap-Year notes: Hitler should hope the war is over before the end of 1944 so he wouldn't have to endure those terrific bombings that extra day and night!

HAPPY 44 folks—and instead of trying to humor the news next year, I hope the news humors us!

J. Thomas Mitchell Writes History Of Bar

1851-1850—Terms of Judge James T. Hale, Judge Alexander Jordan, and Judge James Burnside.

He was a descendant of one of the first settlers west of the end of Nittany Mountain. In later years the name was shortened to "Larimer."

With the elevation of the younger Burnside to the bench in 1853, a new generation began to take charge of the Bar. The elder Burnside was still on the supreme bench, and the Bar consisted of Valentine, Macmanus, McAllister, Curtin, Rankin, Linn, Boal, Wilson and Blanchard.

J. Harvey Laurimore was admitted at Judge Hale's first term of court.

When Johnny Comes Marching Home



P. R. R. Employee Dies From Fall

Fatally Injured While Engaged in Switching on Juniata Hump

Falling from a car, while switching on the Juniata hump, last Thursday, Harry Davensizer, 45, P. R. R. employe for 25 years, was killed instantly.

Madera Boy Hurt In Bicycle Crash

Theodore Herman, 12-year-old Madera boy, became a patient in the Philipsburg State Hospital last Tuesday evening as a result of a bicycle accident.

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One Dead, One Hurt In Highway Crash

Carl Aurandt, 25, of Robeson's extension, Williamsburg, was killed, and Amos Rabenstein, 76, of Williamsburg, was seriously injured last Wednesday forenoon when the truck they were riding in left the highway and went down an embankment.

Health For Victory Meeting, Tonight

"New Tricks with Canned Vegetables" is the subject for discussion January 6, at 7:30 p. m., at the next Health for Victory Meeting at the Presbyterian Church, Milesburg.

SUGAR RATION UNCHANGED

Rations of sugar for housewives will not change between now and April 1. The OPA has announced.

KILLED IN CRASH

Lieut. Melvin Skerpon, 23, former student at the Mansfield State Teachers College died in a plane crash in Northern Ireland, Dec. 9, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Skerpon, Sayre, have been notified.

GAS OVERCOMES SEVEN

William Kelley, assistant cashier of the Market Street National Bank, Shamokin, Mrs. Kelley and five children were wholly or partially overcome by gas fumes in their home, Monday. Five of the family became seriously ill.

HISTORY OF SCOTIA

Socialized medicine, about which there has been much discussion in recent years, is nothing new, according to Harry M. Williams, whose history of Scotia is being published serially in The Centre Democrat.

When Scotia mines were in operation, Mr. Williams writes in one of his articles, a company physician was maintained in the town. A man with a family paid one dollar a month and a single man fifty cents a month, which took care of all medical aid and sickness of the employes and their families.

There were other accidents but not all of them were sent to a hospital. Some were treated at home by Dr. Coons, who was our company doctor. He was paid by the employes. A married man paid one dollar a month and a single man fifty cents a month, which took care of all medical aid and sickness of the employes and their families.

3 Workmen Burned, One Fatally, In Paint Shop Blast At Piper Aircraft

Condition of Injured Men Reported 'Satisfactory'; Cause of Explosion Undetermined; Coroner Investigating

One workman was fatally burned and two others injured Friday in an explosion in a paint booth at the Piper Aircraft Corporation plant at Lock Haven.

Harvey L. Bennett, 29, of Jersey Shore, died of burns in the Lock Haven Hospital several hours after the blast. Aselio Calasango, 59, of Lock Haven, and Charles McCafferty, 52, of Lock Haven, were less seriously burned. The condition of the injured men was reported satisfactory yesterday. Both have serious burns, chiefly on the upper part of the body.

Tipton Youth Dies In Action

Had Served With Guard at Casablanca When President Visited

Private William Ray Taylor, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Taylor, of Tipton, while fighting with the Fifth Army in Italy, was killed Tuesday, according to a War Department telegram to his parents.

Dies After Dive Through Window

P. R. R. Conductor, Pneumonia Victim, Escapes From Hospital

Paul J. Miller, 63, a pneumonia patient in a delirium, dived through a window and raced some distance down a Greensburg street, Sunday, before he was captured and returned to his bed in Westmoreland Hospital, where he died 20 minutes later.

Lock Haven Man Brings In Badly Crippled Plane

First Lieutenant Robert G. Kemmerer, Jr., 500 East Bald Eagle St., Lock Haven, has been awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for bringing in his badly crippled Liberator, "Little Butch," after a severe 45-minute aerial battle over the Kurile Islands.

Clarence Soldier Weds English Girl

Announcements have been received of the marriage of Miss Edna M. Bodham, a member of the A. T. S. of England and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Bodham, of Shrewsbury, England, to M. Sgt. Jack E. Bell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Bell of Clarence.

Clarence Soldier Weds English Girl

The wedding took place at the St. Chad's Church of Shrewsbury, at 4 p. m. December 15. A reception was held immediately following the ceremony at the American Red Cross Service Club at which about 250 were present. Sgt. Bell who has been in England over a year, is with the Air Corps.

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The couple are now at home in their apartment in Shrewsbury, England.

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Mr. and Mrs. Maurice D. Shilling, of Blanchard, after a wait of two months, finally received a letter from their son, Pvt. David Shilling, who advised them that he was with the U. S. Army in Italy, was feeling fine and that the country was nice.

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Two other Pennsylvania members of the crew who aided in shooting down the Zeros were Staff Sgt. James V. Conli, gunner, Easton, credited with one, and Second Lieut. Walter Balchunis, Philadelphia, credited with a probable hit.

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Tipton has been opening his service station two hours each day and everything was in order when he closed up at 8 o'clock Sunday night.

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State Treasurer, G. Harold Wagner reported that direct relief payments made to needy residents of Centre county during the week ending today totalled \$475. Last week payments totalled \$475.80.

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Payments aggregating \$22,849.30 were mailed to the twenty counties in Northeastern Pennsylvania served by the Treasury Regional Office in Scranton during the current week. Payments for the previous week totalled \$22,947.30.

HO HUM!

This, gentle readers, is one of those days. You've had them yourself, only you haven't had to sit down and write a column about it. It is one of the days when we wish we were operating a nice orderly peanut stand at the Scotia crossroads. Nothing to worry about, nothing to do but sit and gawk at the scenery.

COMPANION:

If we ever get the peanut stand, we're going to take along one of Frank West's new pipes. The pipes have a semi-hard stem on which you can chew your heart's content without damaging your china clippers (sometimes known also as dentures, or store teeth). If the pipe burns every last flake of tobacco without leaving a soggy heel at the bottom, so that a can of tobacco would last us practically forever.

READING:

We'd also like along a volume of Anton Chekhov's short stories, though he irritates us no end with one story he wrote entitled "Hush!" Chekhov, who was a Russian short story writer of some shakes, seemed not to like those connected with newspapers. He called editors "hum-bie, meek, dull-witted little men," which is maybe the reason we don't like the story. But his descriptions of poverty-stricken Russian folks, who most always are cold, wet, or otherwise miserable, is apt reading this time of the year on a dull, dreary, cold winter day.

YEAR'S END:

Just to get it on the record, Bellefonte has lived through another year with all its main bugaboos intact and with the town's family skeletons rattling just as loudly as ever in the borough closets. Lime dust continues practically unabated. Radios squawk and buzz incessantly. Ashes continue to remain piled up in the cellars of those who have been waiting for the ash collector to call for them. We suspect that, come summer, dogs and mosquitoes will be just as bothersome as ever. All of them could be stopped if the town had enough gumption to fight the things it complains about.

OMEN?

The town clock on the Court House and the clock on the Bellefonte Trust Company were eight minutes out of line on the time at noon, Monday, when the newly-elected Centre county officials were sworn into office. Wish we knew whether the Court House clock was slow or fast. It might have been an omen pointing to how the new officials are going to conduct their offices in the next four years.

INVITATION:

Because we'd like to read a column written by Phil Witcraft, we hereby invite him to submit one for publication.

COUNCILMAN:

Nevin Smith, who on Monday night was sworn in as an incoming Bellefonte Councilman, in talking after the session wondered what the newspapers might say about his future actions on Council. We have this to say: Council has been entirely too orderly of late. It is difficult to get even a paragraph of a session these days. If Mr. Smith does anything to bring back the old days when you could harpoon Council on any one of four or five counts at any session, we'll be glad to see that proper publicity is given. Otherwise we'll have to continue our attendance at the meetings with no hope of anything but a straight news story for page 1.

TIP:

If this department's name changed to be Angelo Genua we'd look into the possibilities of a slight refund in borough taxes. We hear tell from a source that ought to know that Angelo has been paying taxes on a vacant lot that was sold six or seven years ago.

FARM QUESTION BOX

ED W. MITCHELL Farm Advisor General Electric Station WGT

Q—What kind of tree is ideal for a windbreak? A—Norway spruce.

Q—How much floor space would 200 chicks require up to three weeks of age? A—Figure five to seven baby chicks per square foot and four square feet per adult hen. From infancy to old age the room required increases with size, but depends a little on how much range is available and the time of year, etc. Five chicks per square foot is all right up to four or five weeks of age.

Q—Could I plant corn the first year on a run-down meadow, and grass seed the next? A—This would be the best way to revive and fit the land. Plow in autumn; apply manure, if available; put on two tons of limestone per acre, preferably before plowing; and use 500 pounds per acre of 20 percent superphosphate or 300 pounds of 10-20-10 on your corn crop. Then follow that with rye and new seeding in the fall, or oats and seeding in the spring, and use the same fertilizer treatment again.

Q—How can I bring hen into production? A—That is where skill and experience count. The basic idea is to grow a vigorous pullet with a good reserve of fat, then feed a high-protein mash to induce laying. When production starts, one encourages the consumption of laying mash, and feeds more or less fattening scratch grain as birds lose or gain weight so the weight does not change much. All I can suggest is the best feed and care you can give them and to use an electric light over them all night.

Q—What is the best method used to dry and candy citron? A—Cut the citron into pieces of the size desired and remove the hard outer rind. It is easier to peel pieces than the whole fruit. Cut into thin slices and dry on wire racks in a slow oven and store in a glass jar. If never gets bone dry, but spongy and tough like dried peaches, to candy citron, boil until slightly tender; then boil in a very heavy syrup for half an hour and lay out to drain and dry. Pack in glass jars, sealed.

Q—May I have data on the smoking of turkeys and chickens? A—You can do the smoking about the same as with ham. Dress the fowl; immerse in brine, one pound of salt to one gallon of water, for three or four weeks; then smoke with hickory wood or corn cobs for three or four days without much heat.