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3-Year-Old Boy Dies In Flames When Grassflat Home Burns to Ground

Victim Perished Only Three Feet From Safety; Mother Collapsed After Rescuing Two Other Children

A 3-year-old boy was burned to death Friday and his mother and younger brother were burned about the face and hands when fire destroyed the Gust Eriksson home at Grassflat, near Philipsburg.

To Hold Revival

Revival services will be conducted at the Bellefonte United Brethren church beginning March 19 and continuing until April 2.

PHILIPSBURG SOLDIER IS PRISONER OF GERMANS



Mr. and Mrs. Gustav Pelka, of Philipsburg, received word last week that their son, Lieut. Alfred Pelka is reported a prisoner of war of the Germans.

22 At Meeting of Local Mothers Club

Twenty-two members and guests attended a regular meeting of the Bellefonte Mothers' Club, Thursday night, at the home of Mrs. Hays W. Mattern, Jr., on East Linn street.

Engineer Hit By Auto; Leg Injured

While walking to his home in Greenwood, Friday night, Harry Mays, 65, an engineer on the Pittsburgh division, was struck and knocked down by a car driven by Clarence D. Yeater, of Greenwood.

LATE CHRISTMAS PARTY

Pic. Roy Wilfred Ottmer didn't get a furlough at Christmas, but that doesn't mean he missed out on the family Christmas celebration.

BLANCHARD TEACHER RESIGNS

Miss Mary Louise Parnof, daughter of Mrs. Helen Parnof, of Lock Haven, has resigned as teacher of the fifth and sixth grades of the Blanchard schools to accept the post of teacher of art, music and arithmetic in the sixth, seventh and eighth grades of the schools at Hershman, near Philadelphia.

MINISTER ACCEPTS CALL

The Rev. Harry McGowan, pastor of the Dunmore Christian church for the past fifteen years, has just accepted a call to become pastor of the Church of Christ, Philipsburg. He will assume his new post April 1st, succeeding the Rev. Thomas B. Shearer.

Rationing—Not a New Problem



'Newsboy' 78, Dies at Williamsport

Charles C. Greninger, 78, a native of Loganton and a former teacher at Carroll and Loganton, died Friday afternoon at Williamsport where he has lived in recent years.

Beech Creek 'Girl' Is 80 Years Young

Mrs. Alma Kunes, who is 'Aunt Alma' to the whole Beech Creek countryside, celebrated her 80th birthday last Sunday by preparing and serving a dinner to a small group of relatives at her home.

Local Men Attend Pittsburgh Conference

Two Bellefonte men will take an active part in the 17th annual meeting of the Allegheny Regional Advisory Board at the William Penn Hotel in Pittsburgh today, Thursday, March 16.

Harvey Reinstated As Bar Treasurer

Lewis Orvis Harvey, Bellefonte attorney who recently tendered his resignation as treasurer of the Centre County Bar Association because of having received a call to enter military service, has returned to service and has resumed his post as treasurer of the Bar Association.

10th SON AWAITED CALL

Mrs. Annie Jordan of Boston believes she is the outstanding war mother of the current conflict. With nine sons already in the armed forces, five in the navy, three in the army and one in the marine, a tenth son is awaiting his call for induction soon.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES OF THE LIVES OF THE MEMBERS OF THE BAR OF CENTRE COUNTY

DANIEL G. BUSH

Born 1826 in Bradford County. With only a common school education attained locally, he taught school in several different places, and finally became an agent for a map company. Always interested in the law, he finally settled in Bellefonte to complete his preparation for the bar, to which he was admitted here in 1857.

R. PAUL CAMPBELL

Completed his education at the Bellefonte Academy, read law with James Macmanus, and was admitted to our bar in 1841. He spent two years in practice here and was of an intensely religious nature. A business opportunity came to him from Philadelphia, where he spent the remainder of his life unconnected with the practice of law.

EDWARD R. CHAMBERS

Born 1857 in Allegheny County, Pa. His family had been early settlers in this county.

Four Escape Death In Plane Crash Landing at Duncansville Airport

Forced Down by Bad Weather, Two Nevada Civil Air Patrol Pilots and Wives Wreck Their Plane Beyond Repair

Forced down by bad weather, two civil air patrol pilots and their wives miraculously escaped death Friday night when the cabin plane in which they were riding crash-landed at Duncansville airport, in Blair county.

Millheim Man Is of Pioneer Family

Alfred M. Wilson, Spanish-American War Veteran, Is 84 Years Old

Alfred Myers Wilson, who now lives at Millheim, Centre county, celebrated his 84th birthday Tuesday, March 7. A Spanish-American War veteran, he is a member of the pioneer Wilson family of Pine, Clinton county, and is the son of John Wilson, born 1810 and died May 7, 1899.

Services Thursday For Mine Victims

Double Funeral Held For Brothers Killed By Fall of Rock

Double funeral services were held last Thursday afternoon for the two mine accident victims, Peter and Albert Simms, who were killed Monday night in a fall of rock at the Morrilldale Coal Company Shaft No. 1.

Drops Dead While Carrying Lamp

Dying of a heart attack while carrying a lighted coal oil lamp last Thursday night, William Lyons Love, an aged Altoona colored man, was found seven hours later in the hallway of his home, his clothing smoldering after having become ignited from the burning oil.

Baby Smothers To Death In Her Crib

Linda Jean Peters, four-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James C. Peters, smothered to death some time early Sunday morning when her face became wedged between a pillow and the side of the bassinet in which she slept at the Peters home in Altoona.

Surviving are the parents, one brother, James, at home; the paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur L. Peters, and maternal grandmother, Mrs. Pearl Smith, all of Altoona.

Found Smoldering as Body is Discovered

Deputy Coroner Edgar M. Walls of Blair county said that the aged man had died a natural death, but he could not understand why the man's home had not gone up in flames.

LONG CHURCH RECORDS

Upholding a family church attendance record of 29 years without an absence fell to Miss Grace Yoder of Watsonstown, who was rewarded recently when she received a gold signet ring. Miss Yoder, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Yoder, of Watsonstown, completed 29 years of perfect attendance at the Lutheran Sunday school. Both parents and two brothers had previously received rings for the same record.

COASTER BREAKS LEG

LeRoy Parker, 11, of Orriston, suffered a fracture of the left leg between the knee and hip in a coasting accident Wednesday last week. He is a patient at the Lock Haven hospital.

DESCRIPTION:

Former Judge M. Ward Fleming's colorful description of the Bellefonte Building Corporation—organization which built the New High School building—is "The School Board wearing a falseface."

MISGUIDED:

See where 23 clergymen and writers have lodged a protest against massed Allied raids in Europe, the ground that such raids are not in keeping with Christian principles. Maybe we're on the dull side, but we still think it's a whole lot smarter to blast Hitler's war plants to smithereens than it would be to have our boys march down like grass in the second front invasion by the weapons we didn't destroy because we got soft-hearted at the wrong time.

ICE CREAM:

Did you hear about the Linn street woman who made ice cream last week. She churned and churned, then had a neighbor churn and churn, but the stuff wouldn't freeze. Finally in desperation she opened the freezer to cast out the offending mixture. It wasn't the ice cream's fault. She had forgotten to put the paddle in the can.

PICTURES:

Sooner or later we've always suspected we'd get around to blackmail, and last week we found our chance. While going through some old files we found a couple of pictures you used to get in grade school—you know, a sheet bearing the individual photo of every member of the class. We bet we could work a nice, comfortable shake-down on some of the photos which appear thereon. There is, for example, 'Pud' Katz, now owner of the Katz store here, who was as cute a youngster back in fifth grade as you'd find anywhere. R. Cameron Heverly, now of Ravenna, Ohio, made a rather irritable-looking youngster about

Lock Haven Cars Reported Stolen

Lock Haven and vicinity had an epidemic of auto thefts over the weekend.

Third Attempt Results in Wrecking Mill Hall Automobile

Lawrence F. Probst of the Griffin apartments, was returning from a call at the Lock Haven hospital about 9:20 p. m. Saturday evening when he saw two boys who appeared to be 16 or 17 years of age, taking his Plymouth coupe from his garage.

Suffers Burns While Drying Wet Clothing

His clothing catching fire Saturday morning as he stood in front of a locomotive firebox in the East 27th street roundhouse, John D. Lantz, 77, was painfully burned and admitted to the Altoona hospital for treatment.

Simple Tax Bill

Chairman George (D-Ga.) of the senate finance committee predicted last week that an income tax simplification bill eliminating the filing of returns on incomes up to \$5,000, will be passed and sent to the President within 60 days.

Borough Buys Building

Borough Council of Sellersgrove last week voted to buy the building of the former Snyder County Trust Company for \$71,000 for a municipal building. Passing of the ordinance followed months of discussion.

ODD AND CURIOUS

Never Mind the Coat

The following advertisement has been placed in the Bristol Herald Courier, Tennessee: "If the who stole my coat on March 6 will look in the inside pocket of the coat and mail my completed income tax return and attached check to the collector of internal revenue, he can come back and I will give him the vest and pants, no questions asked."

Good Alibi

Explaining why the Liberty County Times of Chester, Mont., was late, Publisher Tom Busey wrote: "We haven't got a printer and we can't get one. This publisher has owned typesetting machines for 25 years, but never learned how to operate one. He's learning now—the hard way."

He's a Poor Planter

Asking his draft board for a deferment, a Billings, Montana, mortician wrote: "I am the biggest planter in the county." Replied the board in denying his request: "Nothing you plant ever comes up."

Hog Eats Car Plates

A farmer of Scipio, Utah, left his truck complete with new license, standing in a livestock loading yard. When he returned a hog was finishing eating the plastic license plates.

Day and Knight Wed

A d-d interesting information: Among the couples who recently applied for a marriage license at Seattle, Wash., Walter J. Day and Agnes Knight.

After carefully studying human beings for some years we are forced to conclude that there is no method of telling which way the critters will jump.