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Air Raid Warden Killed At Bellwood While On Duty During Blackout

Henry Coady, 67, Fatally Injured as He Crosses Street to Warn Householder of Light Showing

Unexpected tragedy struck in Bellwood during last Thursday night's blackout when an air raid warden was killed while crossing the street to warn a householder of light showing. The victim was Henry Coady, 67, who resides about two blocks beyond the borough line. He was patrolling North Tuckahoe street, and was attempting to cross the thoroughfare when he was struck by a car driven by James O'Donnell, 23, of Blainburg, a young soldier who is home on furlough.

Drifting Miner Hurt in Rock Fall

Victim Escapes With Minor Injuries After Being Practically Buried

Albert Polmar, 46-year-old drifting miner, had a narrow escape from death last Wednesday when he was caught in a fall of rock at the Clearfield Bituminous Coal Company mine at Grassflat.

He was on his knees mining coal when a pile of boney dropped from the roof and practically buried him. Only his back stuck up through the rocks, the rest of his body was covered by rocks which struck him and doused him up.

James Askey, his buddy who was working with him, was unable to get the rock off and rescue him so he summoned help. As soon as Polmar was uncovered, he got to his feet and started walking until the others insisted that he wait until the extent of his injuries was learned.

He was admitted the same evening to the Phillipsburg State Hospital for observation.

It was said that he was perfectly conscious during the entire time he was imprisoned by the rock but was just unable to move. He suffered cuts on the face and forehead and it is believed that his nose is fractured. No other injuries were reported.

Mr. Polmar is married, his wife being the former Velma Lucas, of Allport, and he is the father of five children.

Millheim Auxiliary Gives \$200 to Fund

A check for \$200 from the American Legion Auxiliary of Keystone Post No. 44, Millheim, has been turned over to the state auxiliary's Clubmotive Fund.

Presentation of the check, representing a cash donation from the Millheim unit, was made by Mrs. Samuel J. McMullin, president of the auxiliary, and Mrs. James Neidigh, secretary of the organization, at a dinner meeting of the central section of the Pennsylvania department of the national auxiliary held last Thursday in the Hotel Penn Harris, Harrisburg.

HEAVY FARM FIRE LOSS

Loss estimated at between \$8,000 and \$10,000, partly covered by insurance, was sustained last week one morning when fire which started in a garage, destroyed the barn and all out buildings on the farm of Mrs. Ellen Cherrington, located about a half mile from the Numidia airport, Columbia county. Loss in addition to the buildings included two automobiles, a tractor purchased last year, all of the farm machinery, eight pigs, ten tons of hay, eight tons of straw, 250 bushels of grain and 300 bushels of corn cobs.

Other officers re-elected were: E. A. Joyner, vice-president; William M. Gordon, secretary-treasurer; and Paul Stiles, sergeant-at-arms, all of State College.

FIRST COURSE OF KIND

A course in Australian literature believed by its originator, Dr. A. Bruce Sutherland, to be the first of its kind in the United States, has been introduced at the Pennsylvania State College.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

(By J. THOMAS MITCHELL) OF THE LIVES OF THE MEMBERS OF THE BAR OF CENTRE COUNTY

S. MILES GREEN

Born 1797 in Milesburg His father was one of the first settlers in Milesburg town. He completed his education at the Bellefonte Academy, read law with John Blanchard, and was admitted to our Bar in 1821. Almost immediately he was appointed as deputy Attorney General for Clearfield county, where he made his home for the next five years.

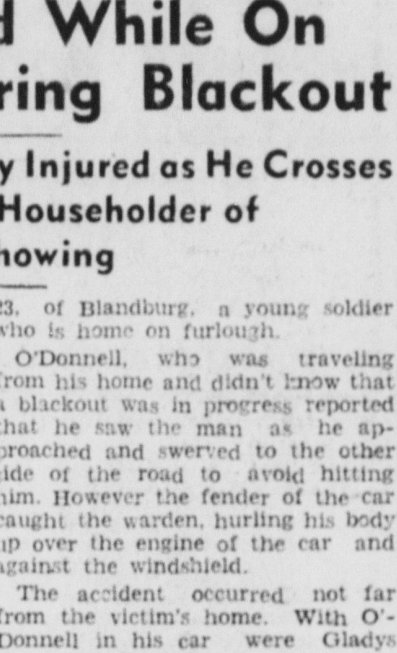
He returned to Bellefonte to continue his practice here and became particularly proficient in criminal law, but in 1824 he retired from the practice to take charge of the operation of Centre Furnace. After spending some years there, he moved to Barre Forge in Huntingdon county until 1876, when he retired to his farm on Buffalo Run. He died three years later.

MATTHEW W. GREGG

Born 1861 in Bellefonte He was a son of Andrew Gregg, Centre county's only representative in the United States Senate. He was educated at the Bellefonte Academy, read law with William W. Potter, and was admitted to the Bar in 1827. He moved his residence to Virginia, in order to take charge of an iron plant there. He was the father of Gen. David McMurrin Gregg of Civil War fame. He died in his adopted state in 1945.

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LEATHERNECK PIPER



Private First Class Harry T. Harding of Everett, Mass., a member of the U. S. Marine Corps Bagpipe Band in Northern Ireland, meets John Spence, 12, of an Irish town band during a bagpipe hand contest at Dromara, Northern Ireland. Young Spence won two first places and a second prize in solo contests.

Blanchard Native Employer of 4,000

Wins Recognition as Head of Ken Rad Tube and Lamp Corporation

Word has been received in Blanchard that Roy Burlew, a native son, who is president of the Ken Rad Tube and Lamp Corporation, Owensboro, Ky., was elected simultaneously as an honorary member of the Rotary, Kiwanis and Lions Clubs there recently. The recognition was accorded Mr. Burlew for "the spectacular achievement in the growth of the Ken-Rad corporation under his guidance, for his loyalty to Owensboro, and his unexcelled civic spirit." He employs 4,000 in defense work there.

Soldier Vote Is To Cost \$700,000

State to Spend That Amount to Insure All in Armed Forces the Ballot

Pennsylvania is expected to spend approximately \$700,000 to smooth the way for the armed forces and Allied war services to cast absentee ballots in November.

Already boasting the commonwealth will have the most liberal soldier vote law in the nation, several members of the committee drafting legislation for the May 1 special session calculated the overall cost to the state will include:

\$300,000—minimum cost for calling legislators back to the capitol for special session.

\$200,000—pay for local election officials to sit in the state-wide military ballot day in August to compile lists of eligible absentee voters.

\$200,000—approximate cost of automatic mailing of ballots (about 20 cents apiece) to members of the armed forces; the Red Cross, Merchant Marine and similar war agencies.

The plan proposes elimination of registration as a requisite for voting, automatic mailing of ballots without prior application, and extension of the time period to more than 100 days for sending and receiving the ballots.

Mothers Club Clears \$100 For Library

The Bellefonte Mothers' Club cleared \$100 for the Centre County Library at a benefit card party held in the BHS cafeteria Tuesday of last week. It was announced Thursday night at a regular meeting of the club.

The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Lela A. Olson on West Curry street, with Mrs. Egil Risan and Mrs. Martine Kaufman as co-hostesses. Twenty-two members were present.

Miss Dorothy Holberg, instructor in the reading clinic laboratory at Penn State, told of the splendid work being performed at the clinic and reminded her listeners of the important part reading plays in the daily life of most people. She declared that a proper understanding of language and full knowledge of the meaning of words is vitally necessary for young people if they are to receive full benefit from their reading. Miss Ruth Roessler, a graduate student of the reading clinic, accompanied Miss Holberg.

During the business session over which club president Mrs. Edward R. Miller presided, Mrs. Charles Martin, chairman of the baby clinic, reported that during March 24 babies re-visited the clinic and 21 other babies received their initial examination.

Members of a nominating committee named by Mrs. Miller are: Mrs. Olsen, chairman, Mrs. Paul M. Dubs, Mrs. Philip Wieratz and Mrs. R. G. McDonald.

CLINTON REGISTRATION

Clinton county's registration figures are 1,250 lower this year than last. Miss Mary Furlong, registration clerk, finds. The total number of voters registered last fall was 14,146, and the present total is 12,894. There are 4,462 Democrats registered, and 8,497 Republicans as compared to 4,952 and 9,153 enrolled by the major parties last fall.

OWNS STAR HERD

The Pennsylvania State College is credited by the Holstein-Friesian Association of America with one of the top-producing Holstein herds in the country.

BURIED ON COLLEGE CAMPUS

Dr. George W. Atherton, president of the Pennsylvania State College, from 1882 to 1896, is buried on the College campus.

Tylersville Youth Killed in Italy

Family Had Received Word From Him Two Weeks Ago; Was Unmarried

Pfc. Frederick Samuel Vance, 26, son of Samuel William Vance, of Tylersville, was killed in action in Italy on March 1, according to telegram received last Thursday from the War Department.

The latest word received by his family from Pfc. Vance arrived two weeks ago. The young man, unmarried, was a graduate of the Tylersville schools, and for three years, before entering the army lived with his brother, Arlin, at Lancaster, and was employed as a truck driver there.

He is survived by two other brothers, Dewey Vance, of Tylersville, and Edward, who was adopted and goes by the name of Edward Condo, now in the service and stationed in Florida; also by his step-mother and the following "half-brothers and sisters: Glenn Vance, employed at Pipers; Calvin, Robert, Mary, Grace, Agnese and Patsy, at home.

Youth Dies From Gunshot Wound

Victim Accidentally Shoots Self With Rifle at Home

Surgeons at Mercy Hospital, Altoona, battled for more than five hours Sunday night in a futile attempt to save the life of a 14-year-old lad who accidentally shot himself at his farm home near Dunsmuir, as his mother walked the corridors of the hospital repeating, "A person can be hurt pretty bad but doctors still save a life."

Edward Moyer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Moyer, R. D. 2, Dunsmuir, died in the operating room at 10:40 p. m. after being admitted at 5:30 o'clock, one half hour after the accident in his home when a rifle was discharged accidentally as he went to place it over the kitchen door.

The boys mother stated that she and her mother, Mrs. Agnes Eger, were in the living room when they heard the thud followed by an outcry from Edward. Going to the kitchen they found him leaning against the kitchen cabinet.

"I can't walk," he said. "I've been shot." No one was in the kitchen at the time of the accident, the other children of the family being in the cellar playing marbles.

The youth is survived by his parents and seven brothers and sisters, Edward, who was the oldest of the family, was the man of the house at home, his father being employed as a bull-dozing operator for the Central Pennsylvania Quarry and Striping Company, near Pittsburgh.

FROM FOXHOLES TO CAMPUS

Nearly every major campaign in which American forces have participated, including Sicily and Salerno in Mediterranean and the Solomons, Marshalls, Gilberts and Tarawa in South Pacific, are represented in the Navy-Marine enrollment at the Pennsylvania State College. Nearly one-fifth of the trainees came to Penn State from combat areas.

PRODUCE FOOD FOR WAR

Boys and girls of Pennsylvania, now starting projects for the new year, added 2,500,000 pounds of meat and poultry to State production last year as part of their 4-H Club activities, according to A. L. Baker, professor of agricultural extension at the Pennsylvania State College and State 4-H Club leader.

SEEK DAIRY TESTERS

One-third of Pennsylvania's dairy herd improvement association testers face early induction into the armed services, according to C. R. Gearhart, extension dairy specialist of the Pennsylvania State College, who urges prospective replacements to attend a short course to be offered at Penn State May 3-7.

"Little Iodine" Offers Riot of Fun

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Beech Creek Girl Killed As She Attempts to Cross Highway in Path of Car



As the result of a fractured skull and broken neck, Doris Marjorie Rowe, ten-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Rowe, of Beech Creek, R. D., died last Saturday afternoon upon arrival at the Lock Haven Hospital. She suffered fatal injuries when hit by a car driven by Harold W. Olmstead of Jersey Shore.

Mrs. Rowe and the child had just returned from Lock Haven in the Rowe car, which was parked headed north in Hanson Lane, two miles east of Beech Creek. They were waiting there for the father to quit work at the Beech Creek plant of General Refractories when the tragedy occurred at 3:40 o'clock.

While Mrs. Rowe was sitting in the parked car, the girl had been called by a school chum living across the road from the lane and was returning to the Rowe car when struck. A Johnston bus, traveling toward Lock Haven had stopped at the lane and there were two cars following. The girl darted into the highway between the bus and the car immediately to the rear, into the path of the oncoming car, approaching from the east.

A. D. Ghedhill of Howard, a passing motorist, took her to the Lock Haven Hospital where she was pronounced dead on arrival, although there was a pulse beat when they left the scene. She had received a fractured skull and neck.

Mrs. W. J. Shoemaker, deputy coroner, and Pst. D. A. Heister, of the State Police, made an investigation, after which Mrs. Shoemaker announced that there would be no inquest.

Surviving the child, in addition to her parents, are a sister, Grace, and a brother, Richard, both at home; a brother, Harvey, residing at Beech Creek, R. D., and her grandfathers, Daniel Rowe of Beech Creek, and Richard Gummo of Rebersburg.

Terrier Takes It's Last Flight

Flying Pooch's Ashes Scattered Over Local Airport, Saturday

A pilot scattered "AWOL's" ashes over Bellefonte airport on Saturday. "AWOL" was a sassy, choosy, mongrel terrier, a stray who took a fancy to flying, became the pal of Army Air Force cadets at Pennsylvania State College, and refused to be patted or fussed over by other soldier trainees or civilians.

At first "AWOL" attended classes. Then he began riding a trainee's bus to the airport and going up in planes. He had 10 hours flying credit, and the log book says he was "never nervous or jittery."

One day—only one day—in the thick of winter he missed the bus, so they named him "AWOL."

The other day he went hiking with the cadets, and an automobile killed him. He was cremated, and Carlisle W. Taylor, civilian manager of the airport, took him on his last flight Saturday.

County Undergoes Air-Raid Blackout

Centre county's response last Thursday night to the first blackout air raid drill since January 11 was only fair, according to a study of reports submitted by civilian defense officials in various parts of the county.

The yellow or warning flash was received at the Bellefonte control center at 9:40 p. m. The blue signal, calling for lights out, came at 10 p. m., and the red, or danger period, began five minutes later. The second blue, permitting resumption of traffic, was received at 10:22 p. m., and the all-clear was sounded at 10:30 p. m.

Approximately 75 per cent of the Bellefonte defense personnel responded for duty, according to Mrs. Mary Harvey Scott, chairman of the local Defense Council. Several violations, including lights left burning in homes, were reported. Local firemen were called out on two "incidents," and a planned ambulance call was successfully carried out.

Dr. J. F. Shigley, State College defense council chairman, said several minor violations were reported in that area and that the public was somewhat slow in getting lights out on the first signal. About 85 per cent of the State College defense personnel was on duty. Phillipsburg reported a turnout of about 80 per cent of personnel.

NEW SHOES MAY 1

The office of price administration has announced that Airplane Stamp 2 in War Ration Book Three will become valid for the purchase of one pair of rationed shoes beginning May 1, 1944. This stamp, like Airplane Stamp 1, which is now valid, will be good indefinitely. As previously announced, Stamp 18 in War Ration Book One, which has been valid since June 16, 1943, will expire on April 30. However, on May 1, two ration stamps, both in War Ration Book Three, will be good. They are Airplane Stamp 1 which became valid last November 1, and the new stamp, Airplane Stamp 2, will become valid May 1.

CARS HEAVILY DAMAGED

Russell A. Barner, Beech Creek, sustained a cut on his face, \$500 worth of damages to his car and a \$20 injury to his pocketbook as a result of an automobile accident Wednesday midnight in Lock Haven. He paid the \$20 at Police Court for charges of reckless driving and driving to the left of the street. His car struck that of Don K. Passell, who was unhurt. Damages to his car amounted to \$350, police estimated. Barner was driving west on Bellefonte avenue, Passell east.

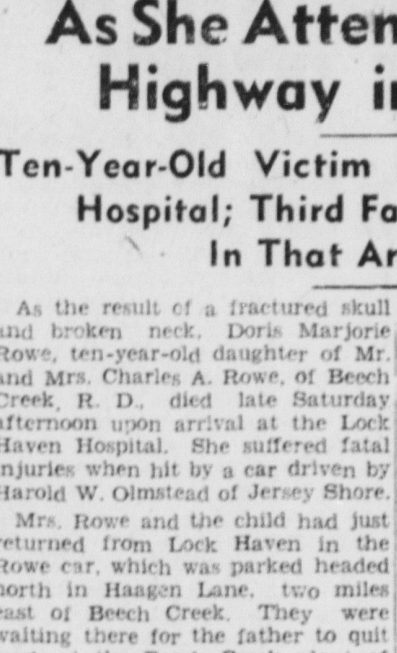
AID WORTHY STUDENTS

The Howard J. Lamade and the George E. Graff scholarships were established by the publishers whose names they bear to assist worthy journalism students at the Pennsylvania State College.

KEEP SERVICEMEN INFORMED

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Family Marks Four Anniversary Events



Easter Sunday marked the scene of a four-fold celebration at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Myers, at their home at Martins Grove in Beech Creek Township. Three birthdays, a wedding anniversary and the presence of four generations of the Myers family were features of the day.

Mr. Myers was 74 years of age on April 8 and Bruce Bechdel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Bechdel, Beech Creek, was eight years old on the same day. Mr. Myers' daughter, Mrs. Ira Eminhizer, of McElhattan, had a birthday April 6 and in addition to the birthday events, it was the 26th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Myers.

Mr. and Mrs. Myers entertained twenty guests at dinner and were the recipients of many lovely gifts.

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SONG

Friend and fellow newsmen Jack H. Yeager spent the weekend in New York where he had his second audition with the National Broadcasting Company and came a step nearer a long-chanted hope. It is expected his efforts in music. In a way, things are happening fast to him, for just on the eve of realizing his ambition the Draft Board steps in with a summons to appear for examination. Yeager, who takes the complications with good grace, and who has a preference for the Navy, is currently practicing the rollicking old sea ballad "Out on the Deep." One of the weights on his mind was lessened Monday when, while walking along Water street, a sudden gust of wind blew his best hat into the creek.

OPENER

The 1944 trout season opened Saturday and we'd like for James C. Bower, fishing companion of former years who is now in war work in New Jersey, to know he didn't miss much by not being among the throng that jammed and sloshed around in the mud bank of the "Black Barn," on Logan Branch near Pleasant Gap, trying to catch a trout.

PREDICTION

This corner predicts that we'll spend tomorrow in Allona being examined for military service. But we'll take no bets on it. What with national selective service officials telling oddsters they're in one day, and out the next, we scarcely know whether we're coming or going. In fact, like a lot of others in our age group, we're getting so we don't give a damn. Maybe there is something in that last sentence. It could be that the master minds of Selective Service purposely are confusing things so that men with families will accept some definite action, whatever it is, with a feeling of genuine relief.

MATHEMATICIAN

Ever since that dreary winter when we sat through classes of Differential Calculus wondering what it was all about, we've had an awesome respect for mathematicians. We hear of a Bellefonte youth who is carving himself a place in the nation's field of mathematics. Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Mentzer, of Burnside street, who since 1942 has been employed by the Westinghouse Company in Baltimore. Jack, an electrical engineering graduate at Penn State in 1942, was so far advanced in mathematics when he entered college that he obtained permission to take special courses in higher mathematics. Recently, it is reported, one of the largest and best known electrical manufacturing corporations in the nation had a particularly difficult problem in mathematics on its hands. No one in the organization could solve it, so they sent in to Westinghouse in the hope some wizard there could find the answer. It was a tough one, and Westinghouse was about to turn the problem back when Mentzer asked for a chance at it. Within a short time, it is related, he had the answer. Mentzer always evidenced a liking for mathematics and for some years between his graduation from the Bellefonte High School and entering Penn State, he continued to study as a hobby while working at the Universal Match plant and elsewhere.

CARETAKER

This corner has had some complaints about Council's recent action in putting a special policeman on duty to guard the Bellefonte Academy building from the depredations of prowlers. The matter was brought up at Council meeting, Monday night, and it was reported the owners of the property pay a local citizen a monthly wage to act as caretaker. For our part we can't see why the citizens of Bellefonte should be required to pay for a special policeman to guard any one person's or any one firm's property. The Academy, like any property in town, is entitled to general police protection, but by no stretch of the imagination can we see how it is entitled to the undivided attention of a special officer.

Local Man Conducts Job Training Classes

B. Ralph Summer, of West Bishop street, Bellefonte, member of the personnel department of the American Viscose Corporation of Lewis-town, is spending this week in Pittsburgh where he is demonstrating and leading panels in job instruction and job relations. The members of the class he is directing include industrialists and plant executives. The course, similar to one being given the entire supervisory force at the Viscose plant, consists of five periods of two hours each. Sessions are conducted along the line of a group discussion or conference. Plans for handling various job relation problems are carefully studied, after which members of the class submit actual cases in their experience and the circumstances are fitted into the plan to see how they should be handled.

REVERSE ENGLISH

Mr. Summer recently spent some time in Philadelphia, where he conducted such classes for leading war plant managers and personnel. According to reports the work is being well received and the course has the approval of the Bureau of Training of the War Manpower Commission.

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