

Jesse ADLER Looks at the NEWS

THAT picture of Sewell Lee Avery being carried out of his Chicago store by two soldiers looked more like a picture of an Observation Ward than a Montgomery Ward!

THE U. S. Broadcasting Station that opened in England Sunday used the first few notes of "Yankee Doodle" as its theme. No doubt to listeners that "Yankee Doodle's Going to Town."

LAST WEEK Herbert Hoover sang a duet with Frank Sinatra. A few days later J. Edgar Hoover sang a duet with Frank Sinatra. In short Sinatra has sung with every famous Hoover but the vacuum cleaner—which probably would be an improvement.

RUDOLPH MESSERSCHMIDT of Switzerland has petitioned the government to allow him to change his one way of getting rid of mosquitoes.

GYPSY ROSE LEE wants to live in Hollywood. "My typewriter and I," she explains, "don't see high to high anymore." Stripper planning to do a comic strip?

INCIDENTALLY in Chicago last week a burlesque strip-teaser was arrested. For no gauge at all!

A NAVY newspaper in Seattle held a contest offering a prize to anyone who could identify a published photo of Betty Grable's legs. Only one answer was correct—the Chaplain's!

THE personnel officer of a NY concern, interviewing an applicant, asked if he ever had an I. Q. "Sure, that's why I'm 4F," was the reply. "My right eye is weaker than my left."

PRIME MINISTER CURTIN of Australia, commenting on how many Australian girls have married American soldiers, says they used to call the boys "brothers," now they have to call them "brothers-in-law." Would not "brothers-in-law" be a more fitting description?

THE NY branch of the Medical Assn. held a cocktail dance and announced the only "ticket of admission" necessary would be a medic's tool or X-ray equipment. Some chap got in when he claimed he had an X-ray eye. He could see through his wife.

ONE of the taxforms in a neighboring State has applicants fill out one line reading: "Nature of Taxpayer." "Very mean" admitted one citizen.

MRS. VIRGINIA ROMANO of Brooklyn hit the jackpot by giving birth to triplets. Two were born in a car, the third in a hospital elevator. Undoubtedly the right way to raise infants!

IF HITLER hasn't seen the handwriting on the wall already he'll never see it. For soon there'll be no walls left in Germany!

AN OKLAHOMA man is planning to go to California from NY by covered wagon because he couldn't get enough gas ration books. Be careful of the Indians, sir, as you go thru Cleveland!

THERE'S an epidemic of ration tokens being used in dime-a-rot machines. Nothing to worry about in a probably just a Token Bumping.

DID you hear about the girl who was so sure of herself she wrote her diary a week in advance?

ED WYNN has a new invention. An 11-foot pole for people who wouldn't touch other people with a 10-foot pole!

### Cars Sideswipe On Road Near Clarence

Damage totaling \$175 resulted at 11:45 p. m. Friday in a motor collision on the road between Snow Shoe and Clarence, State Police officials report.

The cars, operated by Michael Bucha of Clarence and Logan Guent of Moshannon, were approaching each other from opposite directions when they sideswiped. After the crash Bucha, a member of the merchant marine, lost control of his car, which struck a telephone pole. Damage to the Bucha machine was \$125 and to the other car, \$25.

Maybe Mr. Ruml has a plan to forgive taxes.

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## Lock Haven Woman Says She Beat Four-Year-Old Daughter With Wrench

### Mother Admits Tool Found by Police is Weapon Used by Her to Beat Child Before Throwing Her in the Water

The wrench, which was said to have been used in the killing on Tuesday of last week of four-year-old Donna Mae Moore, Mill Hill, was found by police investigators Friday, below the dam in Holland Run, where the father of the child, Arnold W. Moore, 31, says she beat and drowned her daughter.

## Forest Fire Burns Over 1,000 Acres

### Forest Ranger and 100 Men Fight Disastrous Blaze at Orviston

Ira Hall, forest ranger in the Snow Shoe area, and a crew of more than 100 men, last week were kept busy fighting a fire which supposedly started from a spark from a New York Central Railroad train and burned more than 1000 acres of privately owned forest land around Orviston, Centre county.

The Orviston fire started Wednesday afternoon and was brought under control at 4 o'clock Thursday morning, only to break out fresh, calling additional men to fight it.

Wednesday evening fire started by a burning tractor caused a blaze south of Rauchtown which burned over 500 acres before being brought under control by crews which included women and children of that section.

Fire crews from Loganton, Waterville, Bald Eagle districts and as far away as Brookville, battled the racing flames.

The conflagration mounted in fury early in the afternoon and reached its acme after 3 o'clock. Several times small units of fighters were trapped by the "express train" speeding flames, but they were able to walk through to safety.

Starting from Royer's farm the forest fire "raced" westerly on Shaw mountain along Rann road until cut off at the Nippenose Valley hollow on the Bald Eagle side where it was checked at Pine road as white, other flames on the valley side were curbed near Nippenose.

The blaze was confined to the north side of the mountain. On the other side there are several farms and buildings. The only residence threatened was that of Mr. Royer, but the flames were beaten out.

Mr. Wenzel said the Rauchtown State Park was not touched by the racing blaze, since the recreation spot was in the opposite direction of the west-bound fire.

The wooded section destroyed by fire was described as a "good deer mountain." Fighters reported that several times the frantic animals would rush across the road and even came up to them as if asking the deer would make off for safety.

**EVERY STATE REPRESENTED**  
Virtually every state in the Union and a half dozen foreign countries are represented in the present military-civilian enrollment at the Pennsylvania State College.

**ONLY 3 LIVE ABROAD**  
Foreign-born women students at the Pennsylvania State College number 18, only three of whom still claim residence abroad.

**VALUED AT \$22,000,000**  
The physical plant of the Pennsylvania State College is valued at \$22,000,000.

## HISTORY OF SCOTIA

By Harry M. Williams

When the mines were first opened the first store was that of Guyer Matern of Marysville. But when Carnegie bought land of Moses Thompson there was a plot of ground reserved by Mr. Thompson for a store room for his two sons, James I. and William Thompson, Jr. This plot was sixty feet by two hundred feet. The Thompson brothers ran a store there for a year or so and then decided to sell and there was a verbal agreement between Mr. Carnegie and Mr. Thompson that when the boys decided to sell, Mr. Carnegie would buy the buildings. On October 1, 1887, this deal was completed and the Carnegie company owned the store room, a one-story tenement house, one stable, one ice house and other out-buildings.

This store room was a two-story structure with quite a few rooms on the second floor. In former years there was a billiard parlor, pool parlor and a reading library in this story of the building, but as time went on this was done away with and the second story was used as an apartment for the remainder of the life of the building. We have in our possession three day books presented to us by William G. Murfitt of State College. They were given to him by the Thompsons. In these

## Guadalcanal Rain



Guadalcanal scene of the first United Nations offensive operation against Japan, and two seasons—the rainy season, between November and May, and the wet season. "White men leave and natives die" during the rainy season, according to natives. Above is a typical Guadalcanal scene during the rainy season. One Marine reports that every time he crawls into his "sack" (bed), he gets seasick.

## Clarence Woman In Auto Collision

### Occupant of Altoona Car Receives Serious Cuts on Face and Throat

Mrs. Ida Mae Irvin, 23, wife of L. Roy Irvin, was admitted to the Altoona Mercy hospital early Sunday morning with serious throat and chin lacerations after the automobile driven by her husband collided at the intersection of Union and Seventh avenues with the car operated by Mrs. Mary Sipes, of Clarence, Centre county.

Mr. Irvin was traveling west on Seventh avenue and met head-on with the car driven by Mrs. Sipes, who was on her way to the Pennsylvania railroad station to meet her husband, Harold Sipes, a member of the armed forces. Mrs. Sipes was going north on Union avenue at the time of the collision.

Thirty stitches were used to close the throat and chin lacerations sustained by Mrs. Irvin when her head went through the windshield.

Both cars were out of commission from the impact, the right front door, wheel and fender of the Irvin car having been damaged to the extent of \$74, and the Sipes car being damaged in the front. The estimate was placed at \$100 on the latter car.

## Officers Destroy Still; Arrest Two

### Defendants Face Charge of Manufacturing Liquor Illegally

Prince Farrington and Henry Sampson, both of Jersey Shore, R. D. 1, face charges of manufacturing liquor without a license, following seizure by state and federal agents of a 500-gallon still, valued at \$2,000, Friday in the mountains east of Rauchtown.

The men were arrested at the scene after the surprise raid, arranged before Alderman M. J. Lipser in Lock Haven, and then retained under \$1,000 bond each for their appearance at a hearing to be held later. The still was discovered in the morning and destroyed in the afternoon.

Included in the equipment demolished were the liquor agents were used 500-gallon vats, one 750-gallon vat, an upright boiler, 15 58-gallon barrels and the brewing machinery. A small truck was seized.

The half dozen government men said they completely surprised the two men who were apprehended as they were in the act of repairing the still when operating still. The still was described as being large and only set up within the last two weeks.

## Rev. Rearick Dies At Mifflintown

### Retired Lutheran Minister Formerly Served at Centre Hall

The Rev. J. M. Rearick, retired, former Lutheran pastor at Centre Hall, died Thursday morning of last week at his home in Mifflintown. He was 85 years old.

Born in Beavertown, Snyder county, the Rev. Mr. Rearick attended the Beavertown schools and graduated from the Bloomsburg State Normal School, Susquehanna University and Gettysburg Theological Seminary. He was ordained to the ministry in 1889.

He served churches in Petersburg, Centre Hall, Salona, Williamsport, Salisbury and the Messiah Lutheran church, Mifflintown. While serving in Mifflintown, he retired 14 years ago.

He is survived by three sons, W. S. Rearick, of Phoenix, Ariz.; Paul, of Everett, and L. M. Rearick, of New Kensington; three daughters, Mrs. W. J. Brascamp, Millheim, and Mrs. Alice Rearick, teacher in the Juniata Joint High School, with whom the Rev. Mr. Rearick resided, and two brothers, John, Beavertown, and the Rev. William Rearick, Mifflintown area.

Services were held Monday afternoon in Messiah Lutheran church, Mifflintown, at 2:30 o'clock. The Rev. Paul W. DeLauter, pastor, officiated. Burial was made in the Middleburg cemetery.

**PLAN MODEL CENTENNIAL**  
At its regular meeting last week in Lock Haven, Clinton Lodge, Odd Fellows, started the ball rolling for the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the lodge in October. To a committee to present centennial plans for the approval of the lodge they named Frank A. Swope, chairman, W. Bruce Hanna, C. D. Thompson, Charles R. Dale and Richard W. Sigmond.

**ENGRAVING IS HIS HOBBY**  
Dr. Warren B. Mack, head of the horticulture department at Pennsylvania State College, adopted wood engraving as a hobby more than 20 years ago. This year his efforts won national recognition.

**PENCILIN UNDER STUDY**  
Pencilin research occupies a staff of 38 men and women scientists at the Pennsylvania State College.

## Navy Man's Wife Takes Own Life

### Reported to Have Been Ill Due to Separation From Husband

The lifeless body of Mrs. Marion Helen Stevens was found in the bedroom of her home in Altoona last Wednesday evening. The discovery was made by her brother, Mrs. Stevens' death was pronounced suicide, she having ended her life shortly after having sent her son to school in the morning.

She is reported to have been in poor health and had had a nervous condition due to the separation from her husband who is in the navy.

She is survived by her husband, Donald R. Stevens, who is an apothecary's mate at the Norfolk Navy Hospital, and one son, Donald, at home.

Also surviving are her parents, Harry and Mary Elizabeth (Glasco) Johnson, and a number of brothers and sisters.

Mrs. Stevens was born in Altoona and was 31 years of age.

**MRS. ALFRED E. SMITH DIES OF PNEUMONIA**  
Mrs. Alfred E. Smith, 65, who preferred to remain in the background while her husband was in the political limelight as Governor of New York and a presidential candidate in 1924, died unexpectedly last Thursday at her home in New York.

The quiet, deeply religious Mrs. Smith, who had been ill five days, was known for her devotion to her home and family. She made a pilgrimage to Rome in 1925 and was received by Pope Pius XI.

For many years after Smith achieved political stature, the former Catherine A. Dunn and her husband lived on the lower East Side where he got his political start. Their five children were born there.

**MARINE MEASURES STEPS**  
A marine trainee at the Pennsylvania State College wondered how many miles he walked each day. He used a pedometer to find that his daily average was 7.2 miles. Nine miles was tops for a single day.

**PENNANT GOES TO WAR**  
A Penn State pennant identifies the pup tent of James L. Framo, Jr., Philadelphia, on the Italian front, for a war correspondent reports. Framo left college to enter the service.

## Governor Martin To Be Principal Speaker At 28th Division Meeting

### Other Speakers Announced for Annual Memorial Services at The Shrine at Boalsburg, Sunday, May 21

Governor Edward Martin is expected to be the principal speaker Sunday, May 21, when the Society of the 28th Division holds its annual memorial at its shrine at Boalsburg.

Other speakers on the program which each year honors the 28th men of the Division who gave their lives in the last war will include Dr. Halph D. Hetzel, president of Pennsylvania State College, and State Senator A. H. Letzler of Houtzdale.

In announcing the program, William A. Miller, president of the society, said that soldiers of World War I who declared their intention of attending the services include former Adjutant General Frank A. Beary of Allentown; former Lt. General Edward Shannon, of Columbia; Gen. William Price, of Chester; and State Adjutant General Robert M. Vall of Harrisburg.

Pierre Boal of Boalsburg, former U. S. minister to Bolivia and son of Theodore Davis Boal, the shrine's founder, also has been invited to attend the exercises, as have other distinguished guests including Gen. John J. Pershing.

The program will include an inspection and review of the National and State Champion American Legion Junior Drum and Bugle Corps of State College by Governor Martin and the military guests.

Bellefonte Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion will be among the organizations present to take part in the ceremonies.

Special tribute will be paid at the ceremonies to Gen. Edward Zigerfoos, the only general officer of the American Expeditionary Forces to be killed in action during the First World War. Tablets will also be dedicated by the Society to the memory of several officers who were killed in action in France.

The local arrangements committee for the ceremonies named by the society president is made up of J. Harris Holmes, Riggs Mill, Walter W. Trainer, Col. Wilbur Leitzell, Robert Williams, D. A. Krumrine, Thomas Beaver, and John Popson.

Relatives and friends of society members and the general public are cordially invited to attend the exercises.

## Tyrene Trainman Fatally Injured

### Sixty-Four-Year Old Victim Was Member Tyrene Borough Council

Milton D. Bollinger, 64-year-old conductor for the Pennsylvania railroad company and a brother of Mrs. William Russell of Spring Mills, was almost instantly killed Wednesday morning of last week when struck by a locomotive in the East Tyrene yards of the Middle division.

Mr. Bollinger was working with a shifting crew and as a brakeman threw a switch. Bollinger stepped back onto another track directly in the path of an engine. He suffered a fractured skull. He had been with the railroad company for 42 years and had anticipated retiring from active service next February.

Mr. Bollinger was born on February 19, 1880, at Lock Haven, the son of H. S. and Jane (Reed) Bollinger. In 1904 at Lock Haven he was married to Lillie Mechtly.

He is survived by his wife, a daughter, Miss Helen Bollinger, at home; two sons, Paul Bollinger, Coropolis, and Sergeant Ralph Bollinger, Camp Swift, Texas, two grandchildren, and three brothers and sisters: Mrs. Alice Mader, Lock Haven; Scott L. Bollinger, Philadelphia; Mrs. William Russell, Spring Mills; Harry R. Bollinger, Lock Haven; and Mrs. Albert Nichols, of Lock Haven.

He was a member of the First English Lutheran church, of the Brotherhood of Railway Conductors, Tyrene Lodge No. 25, Loyal Order of Moose, and Tyrene Lodge No. 212, B. P. O. Elks. He was a member of the Tyrene borough council from the seventh ward, having previously served two terms before being re-elected last November after having retired from the council four years before.

**FARMER DRAGGED BY HORSE**  
William C. Peter, well known farmer of Beech Creek township, had a close call a few days ago while driving a team of horses drawing a cultipacker in a field. The horses became unmanageable and in the resultant mix-up Mr. Peter was dragged a considerable distance and it is believed the machine ran over him. With considerable effort he made his way to the house and has been nursing serious bruises since.

**BISHOP RETURNS HOME**  
After being treated at the Altoona hospital for pneumonia, Bishop Edwin Holt Hughes, 77, has returned to his home in Washington, D. C. Acting head of the Eastern Methodist Conference, he was stricken in Altoona April 16 while presiding at the Central Pennsylvania Conference.

**CHILD STRUCK BY CAR**  
Shirley G. Neidrick, 7, of Mill Hill, escaped with lacerations of the chin and left hand and bruises of the entire body early last Wednesday evening when she ran into the side of a coach operated by Clifford A. Miller, of Mill Hill. The child was injured near the Neidrick home on Pearl street. Mr. Miller was on his way to work at the paper mill and was passing a tractor and car parked in the street when the child suddenly darted into his automobile. He picked her up and took her to the Lock Haven Hospital, where she was kept overnight. When hit, the child was carrying a bottle which broke, inflicting the lacerations.

**JAILED FIVE HOURS FOR FINE**  
Failing to immediately pay a fine of \$75 and costs of prosecution as the result of a sentence in Northumberland county court last week, Mrs. Carrie A. Wagner of Mifflintown, R. D. 1, spent five hours in the Northumberland county jail. The woman was accused of having sideswiped the car occupied by Myron D. Engleman, Allentown, then continuing without stopping into Watsonstown where she wrecked her car at a railroad crossing.

**EDITOR OF 'GRIT' DEAD**  
Frederic E. Manson, editor of the Williamsport Grit and nationally prominent Masonic scholar and authority, died Friday morning in the Williamsport hospital. He would have been 84 years of age on July 6. Funeral rites were held Tuesday morning.

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## Random Items

**BUTTER:**  
After sampling the butter which has been released for public consumption, it appeared that, together with the eggs they contain, a long sojourn in storage, we feel that a mistake has been made. They should have held up the release a week or two longer. Cheese is scarce.

**FLOOD:**  
The high water of the weekend did little damage to property hereabouts, but according to reports much destruction resulted to wildlife down around the falls. A number of duck nests built along the water's edge were washed away, together with the eggs they contained. Some persons report the swans had a nest near the water and that several eggs had been deposited in the nest before it was swept away by the flood. The wire netting which the borough recently stretched across the creek just above the falls was broken by the flood, and portions of it may have been washed away.

**ANNIVERSARY:**  
This is this corner's annual Spring Frolic—the week when we haven't had a single idea worth recording, haven't heard one scrap of choice gossip, or one anecdote with which to regale you customers. We like to think of ourselves as being caught in the middle of the ocean in a sailboat without a breath of wind. We agree that you might describe our condition in language a little less fancy.

**SOMETIMES TOUGH:**  
It's quite a problem, sometimes, to find something for this space or for any other space, for that matter. Bet ninety out of a hundred of you would like a chance to write a column. Bet if you suddenly were given the job of writing a column you would, like us, wonder what to talk about and how to begin.

**WRITING-FISHING:**  
Writing a column is a lot like fishing. You follow your own personal inclinations. You can wear evening clothes or a bathing suit. In fishing or columning you can be fancy or plain, and there's no way of telling which will bring the best results. When you've finished a column you are like the angler who has chosen his lure and is about to throw it into the waters. Maybe your lure is poor-timed. Maybe you're talking about Matry Dostoevich when the customers want a preview of the 1945 models in electric refrigeration. Maybe you've put on a pale w when the customers want worms.

**CREEL:**  
Sometimes the columnist "neek out and says something should have been left unsaid." "catch" in such instances compared with the evil-looking sea spider we saw under a Green of Julian, haul out of Delaware Bay one fine summer.

**BETTER TIMES:**  
But the bad times are offset the good seasons when the fishing is good and when the dark, dismal glooms of libel suits, damage suits and the extreme unpleasantness resulting from having written something which isn't what it should have been, seems far remote.

**DILEMMA:**  
We were appalled a few moments ago, Tuesday morning and no column written! The back room mump-bling and grumbling about copy which never gets in on time and which no one reads anyway!

**WHOA, THERE!**  
Well, here we are. Almost enough to fill the usual space. We suppose we'd be doing the smart thing by tearing this whole effort to bits and starting over again. But we've tried that before. It doesn't work. The harder you try, the faster ideas run in the opposite direction. So we'll hurry up and get it set in type before we change our mind.

P. S. You have to do things like this in this business.

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## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

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

**HARRY KELLER**  
Born 1866 in Washington, D. C.

The eldest son of Colonel Keller, he was educated at the public schools here and at the Bellefonte Academy. He was a member of the first class to formally graduate from the Bellefonte High School. He read law with his father and was employed for a while in the office of the Adjutant-General of the commonwealth. He returned to Bellefonte to be admitted to our Bar in 1891. In his early years he was quite an athlete and retained his interest in sports throughout his life.

Like his father, his principal practice centered about his Orphans' Court work, in which he became an adept, and attained an exceedingly large clientele in this subject alone. He acted as county chairman of the Republican party and, under his management, the party elected its first complete ticket. For four years he was elected President-Judge of the district in 1926, but died suddenly in the following year, during the conduct of a case. He probably had more personal friends in the town and county than any other man of his generation. He was a member of the Bellefonte Club and one of the organizers of the Nittany Country Club.

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