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NEWS, FEATURES

Random Items

Jesse Adler Looks at the NEWS

SECOND SECTION

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Bank Robber Arrested At Philipsburg Is Now Serving Prison Sentence

Nearly All of \$5,000 Loot Recovered Which Had Been Taken In Hold-up at the Sligo National Bank

Less than 53 hours after holding up the Sligo National Bank in Clarion county, Willis O. Wenner, 29, of Strattonville, was enroute to the Western Penitentiary at Pittsburgh to start serving a 2 1/2 to 15-year sentence for armed robbery.

Bellefonte Girl Wins Scholarship

Miss Carolyn Kachik Awarded \$300 Prize By Legion Auxiliaries

Miss Carolyn Kachik, 20, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Kachik, of South Allegheny street, Bellefonte, was awarded the Maude Mounquin scholarship of \$300 given by the Tri-County-Council of American Legion Auxiliaries.

Tyrone Lad, 16, Takes Own Life

Parents Can Give No Reason Why Son Committed The Act

Placing the muzzle of a shotgun against his back and using a rope to pull the trigger, William Theodore Seaman, 16, of Tyrone, took his own life Saturday afternoon in the bedroom of his home.

County Falters In May Paper Salvage

Centre county missed its waste paper salvage quota for May by a margin of 15 tons, it was announced this week by the War Production Board headquarters at Harrisburg.

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Day Dreams



Gets Jail Penalty Sidney Gilbraith For Club Robbery Dies of Poisoning

John J. Berry Sentenced For Offense Committed Last November

John J. Berry, 25, Jersey Shore, was sentenced to serve one-and-a-half years in jail by Lycoming county Judge D. M. Larrabee last Wednesday when he entered a plea to robbery.

Tyrone Youth Is Killed In Italy

Young Sergeant Was Former Employee of Pennsylvania Railroad

Sergeant Paul James Light, well known Tyrone young man, was killed in action on May 23 in Italy, according to a telegram received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Light, Saturday afternoon.

Man Found Dead In Altoona Alley

Police Probe Cause of Victim's Wounds Which Caused Death

Altoona police are investigating the manner in which George Francis McCabe, 60, received injuries which resulted in his death Monday morning at the Altoona Hospital after he had been found in Thirtieth alley between Fourteenth and fifteenth streets.

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Rifle Wounds Fatal To Girl While Preparing To Shoot Crows Near Home

14-Year-Old Clinton County School Girl Is Victim of Accident in Attempting to Lift Firearm From Wall

A 14-year-old Clinton county girl who was going to shoot crows Sunday morning, suffered fatal injuries when the 22-caliber rifle she was removing from the wall at her home was accidentally discharged.

As a result of the accident, Henrietta Mae Wellen, daughter of Mrs. Ray Baker of Swissvale, died in the Lock Haven Hospital Sunday at 11:30 a. m., four hours later.

Henrietta, who had just finished work in the eighth grade in the Cahill school, was accustomed to shooting crows near her home. She stepped on the navenport in the living room Sunday to lift the rifle from its place on the wall when the gun was accidentally discharged.

The bullet entered the left side of her chest, damaging vital organs including the spleen and kidney.

She was rushed to the Lock Haven Hospital but nothing could be done to save her life. Dr. W. J. Shoemaker, coroner, and the State Police are making the formal investigation of the death which Dr. Shoemaker says was purely accidental.

Henrietta, a member of the Salvation Army in Lock Haven, is survived by her mother, step-father, Ray Baker; a sister, Mrs. Joseph Blood, Lock Haven; two brothers, Charles and Ray, at home; and her grandparents, Mrs. Gertrude Wellen, of Latrobe, and Mr. and Mrs. William Garbrick, of Lock Haven.

Funeral services were held at the home of her mother, Mrs. Ray Baker, Sunday afternoon at 2 p. m.

OPA To Freeze Used Car Prices

Effort Being Made to Halt Unreasonable Soaring Prices

O. P. A. will freeze prices of all used cars in the Williamsport district, which includes Centre county, at the January 1944 levels effective July 10.

The sales prices, which will be set in an attempt to stop the soaring figures that have already shot up 20 per cent in the last 90 months.

Twenty-three different make automobiles and about 6,000 models will be affected by the government ruling. Two prices will be permitted—one for cars sold as is and the other for machines sold with a guarantee.

Dealers and private sellers will be allowed to charge extra for additional equipment. O. P. A. quotes a \$10 additional allowance for a heater and a \$20 jump for cars with radios.

PEOPLE! AMERICANS, ALL!

Have we forgotten the last war with the big wages, the stock market going higher and higher, the silk shirts, eighteen and twenty-dollar shoes, the spending of money like it would last forever and after that war, men by the thousands waiting in line for soup and bread?

God of our fathers, lest we forget to learn the lessons of those days and avoid the troubles that will come again. Protect us, we pray.

MAHLON N. HAINES. Better known as Haines The Shoe Wizard.

P. S. Many people will say, "What is he doing?" I have bought \$123,600 worth of Bonds, none of which will be sold until after the war is over and our boys come marching home. I have given over \$4,000 to the Red Cross and am saving gasoline by staying home, saving fuel oil by burning wood and coal. Have not raised rent on any property I own. Have not advanced the shoes beyond the regular percentage of profit and spending as little money as possible for personal self. Yet I have not done enough or never can for those boys who are giving their all. I am sure, when the boys come home, I can look them in the eyes and have no regrets.

Yes, my two boys are privates in the Army and I want the war over for my boys, and your boys, just as soon as possible and I think the buying of Bonds to put guns and ammunition into their hands will bring peace much sooner. (Adv.)

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

OF THE LIVES OF THE MEMBERS OF THE BAR OF CENTRE COUNTY

JAMES C. NOLL Born 1862 at Pleasant Gap

He was educated at the local 'Gap' schools and at Bellefonte, where he read law with Orvis, Bower & Orvis, and was admitted to our Bar in 1891. He was very much liked by his associates, but after practicing for a few years in Bellefonte, he moved to Stillwater, Oklahoma, during the boom times there. He died in 1911.

WILLIAM NORRIS Born 1875 at Lewisport

Of an old Philadelphia family, he was educated at the Lewisport schools, read law there and was admitted to the Mifflin County Bar. He came to Bellefonte and was admitted to our Bar in 1896. His brother John, was the cashier of the Central Bank of Pennsylvania established in Bellefonte. He practiced here for several years and was one of the counsel appointed to defend the murderer, Monks. He shortly after settled in Lancaster, where he became very prominent in the profession. He died in 1963.

ELLIS LEWIS ORVIS Born 1857 in Lock Haven

In 1862 his father, John H. Orvis, moved his family to Bellefonte and Ellis was educated at the Bellefonte

TOMBSTONE

It will be 64 years on August 3 that Isabel, wife of John K. Coe, died at the age of 83 years, 2 months, and 2 days, according to information on a tombstone which for some decades has rested against a shed at the rear of this newspaper office building. We don't know who Isabel or John K. Coe were, but every time we pass the stone we wonder. No one seems to know how the stone got there in the first place. It seems as though it has always been around. Isabel was born on June 1, 1871, which, if we recall correctly, was only about 21 years after the signing of the Declaration of Independence. The lower portion of the stone contains an eight-line poem written by L. V. Weaver, of Racine, Ohio. Does anyone know who Isabel was and where the stone came from?

RADIO

The German radio which recently discontinued broadcasting the names of American prisoners of war held in that country, has adopted a new policy. Each night reported "medical reports" on the condition of wounded prisoners is given. Wonder if it is deliberate Nazi planning which causes Nazi propaganda from the station to come in strong and clear while the woman announcer who gives the "medical reports" has a voice which is so wavery that you can distinguish only enough words to tell what she's talking about?

PEACE NOW

A new batch of Peace Now literature hit in this area a week or so ago, and the most important thing we could get out of the new crop of propaganda is that the movement has moved its headquarters from New York to Massachusetts. We thought the big-league newspapers and the government were looking into the movement. Maybe they are, but the trend of the literature is unchanged, and Dr. George W. Hartmann, former Penn State professor, seems to continue as the big chief of the Peace Now outfit.

YOU CAN HELP

All of us, the memorable morning of June 6 and since then, have probably been disturbed by a vague feeling of helplessness because we "aren't doing anything" to help win the big push against Hitler's Europe. The 5th War Loan campaign, which opened Monday, is the best way you can give your support to the armed forces in Europe. As never before, they need a steady and increasing flow of arms and supplies. Your money can buy the things they need. This is the hour for the "big push" at home, to see that nothing is left undone to help those who are doing the fighting.

PRESIDENT

From where this corner sits, it looks as though the G. O. P. gave its best presidential candidate the gate when it threw Wendell Willkie out of the running. From what we hear on the streets, Willkie has gained more supporters since he quit the race than he had before all the present crop of possible candidates came into view. Maybe the G. O. P. will see its error and swing back to Willkie before it's too late, but we doubt it.

WARNING

A man of our acquaintance recently received notice that his income tax statement for 1943 was in error, and for two solid single-spaced typewritten notices goes on to explain what he can do about it, in legalistic terms which include so many phrases enclosed in parentheses and with so many exceptions and conditions, that the guy probably will break down and pay what the government claims is still due without further agony. All of which goes to prove that it is probably wiser to err a bit in the government's favor than otherwise when figuring out your tax. (But we almost forgot. Under a new law, the government henceforth will do all the figuring.)

SOLDIER VOTE

Beginning today Civilian Defense (Continued on page five)

RIGHT after the announcement that the invasion had commenced the Mayor of Philadelphia struck the Liberty Bell. Which is significant in more ways than one—for both the bell and Hitler have one thing in common. They're both cracked!

THE INVASION, it was revealed, was originally scheduled one day earlier but was postponed on account of the weather. This is one postponement that the Nazis won't be able to play off as part of a double-header.

GOERING'S Order of the Day to his Luftwaffe that the invasion must be fought off even if it means the death of the Luftwaffe will go down in history not so much as an order of the Day than as a prediction.

IN TEXAS an infant born right after the news broke was christened "Invasia"—Air-borne undoubtedly.

SPEAKING of births, a youngster in Ohio is named Dick Tracy Joe Palooka Superman Cohen. His mother must have been frightened by a comic strip.

IN THE same State a draftee is named Norman Harvey Daniel Boone Buster Brown Longworth. For short his sergeant calls him "Hey you!"

THE shortage of wedding rings due to both priorities and a record-breaking number of war marriages reminds us of the gal who married so often she used curtain rings on that second finger.

I SUPPOSE the reason brides have the rings slipped on that second finger instead of the first is to leave the handiest finger free to give to the groom.

INCIDENTALLY, a 35-year-old woman was picked up in Detroit for marrying about sixteen men without divorcing any of them. They caught up with her when they discovered she was getting dependency allotments from six different servicemen buddies. Hubbies or Hubbies?

TOMMY MANVILLE has announced that he doesn't intend to get married again for the duration. "Since when did he ever get married for the duration," queries Joy Caylor.

ANYWAY, there is only one thing wrong with Manville—he is suffering from blonde-pressure.

ONE YOUNG paratrooper who jumped from his plane near Washington was caught in a Thermal Air-wave which kept him in the air for almost two hours. What worried him most was that he didn't have any priority for traveling that far.

SIGN in a Houston, Texas, store: "Buy War Bonds and Help Texas Win the War."

ITEM in the local paper: "Malcolm Weymouth of Roxbury, Mass., has tied the knots of more than seven hundred couples but never as yet had the courage to kiss the bride. His wife is chief witness." Under the circumstances what do you expect—Errol Flynn?

FAVORITE Story of the Week: Sergeant—"What should we do with that private who deserted to join a nudist colony, sir?" Captain—"Let him AWOL—Absent without leave."

GALS are like pianos—some are upright—some are grand.

BECOME part of the invasion—Invade your nearest bank or War Bond booth and stick another nail in the Axis coffin.

Mrs. Glenn Heads 3-County Auxiliary

Mrs. Hazel Glenn of Millsburg, was elected president of the Tri-County Council of the American Legion, at a meeting of the council held last Wednesday at South Williamsport.

Mrs. Glenn, a past president of the Auxiliary to Brooks-Doli Post No. 23, American Legion of Bellefonte, has been active in Legion affairs in the county for many years. The council comprises Centre, Clinton and Lycoming counties.

HISTORY OF SCOTIA

By Harry M. Williams

In about 1696 there was quite an excitement around the Scotia mines. When the morning train arrived from Tyrone two detectives got off, walked up to the company office and inquired if there was a man working there by the name of Simon Gunshot.

They were told that he worked at the ore washer. After a few minutes conversation with the superintendent and the foreman, they asked if they could go up and talk with the man. They were taken up to No. 1 grate bars where Mr. Gunshot was working.

Upon their arrival there they looked things over and one of the detectives walked over to Mr. Gunshot and read a warrant to him, and since he was not able to understand English very well an interpreter translated the warrant to him. He at once tried to make a getaway but was overpowered by some of the other employees who were deputized to help. This man was very powerful. He was handcuffed and taken down to the company office where he was questioned very closely and arrangements were made to take him to Pittsburgh. In the meantime his wife and son learned of his fate and arrived at the office before they had taken him to the depot. His wife was permitted in the office to bid her husband farewell,

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