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Jesse Adler Looks at the NEWS

IT TOOK 410 N. Y. cops to keep mobs away from Frank Sinatra when he opened at the N. Y. Paramount. The Voice Squad, huh?

A GIRL in Washington was just married by proxy to her groom at sea. Probably just as well—they couldn't get a hotel room anyway.

THE Japs claim that there's such a shortage of cigarettes American women are taking up pipe smoking. Sounds like a lot of Bull-Durham!

MAX FIELD of the Bronx was sentenced to 3 months in jail for possessing a \$500 shoe-rat coupon. Probably savin' 'em for a rainy day.

A Mexican girl doing a life stretch for murder in a Kansas prison, sent the judge who sentenced her a hand-made ash tray as a gift. Hoping, no doubt, that it would be used for his ashes.

FAVORITE Sillhouette of Week: Customer: "What is the price of your six dollar shoes?" Clerk: "Three dollars a foot, mister!"

THE use of cosmetics has been traced to 5000 B. C., proving that even in those days girls dolled up to capture men. But in those days the men used wooden clubs, not night clubs, to woo 'em.

INCIDENTAL Information: What happens when a human body becomes immersed in a bathtub? A—The "phone rings."

THEN there was the shy guy who kept thinking he was the only pebble on the beach—'til he became a little Boulder.

THE Colorado Medical Society now issues diplomas to graduate nurses. Some ambition—to have degrees like B. S. (Bachelor of Sausers) or B. B. P. (Bachelor of Blue Plates).

A N. Y. MILLINER says the emotional hat is the newest attraction for smart women. Smart women won't need a head start.

EDDIE DAVIS wonders whether you heard about the guy who was lauded before a judge on a charge of battery. He was given a dry-cell.

SIR Thomas Beecham, famous conductor, injured himself while leading his band with his baton. Probably didn't know it was loaded.

IN A Los Angeles court a woman refused to take her husband back after estrangement, even when he pleaded on knotted knees. When he faintly she related that they walked out arm in arm. Who said Fair Heart Never Won Fair Maiden?

ONE thing about the Turks, Capt. Jerry Freeman reports from Turkey, you may not remember their names, but you can never forget a 12.

WORD from Tokyo reports the ladies of Hirohito's Palace are getting wartime dresses with western style. Western omelets, huh?

Liberty Ships Named For Penn State Men

Liberty ships have been named for two men, both deceased, who formerly were members of the faculty at the Pennsylvania State College. One bears the name of Dr. Thomas F. Hunt, professor of agriculture, 1892-95, and dean of the School of Agriculture, 1907-12. He also was dean of agriculture at Ohio State University, 1896-1903, and dean of agriculture, University of California, 1912-23.

Another ship honors the memory of Henry J. Waters, professor of agriculture and agriculturalist at Penn State, 1892-95, and later dean of agriculture and director of the agricultural experiment station at the University of Missouri, 1895-1906. He was president of Kansas State College, 1909-17, and then editor of the Kansas City Star.

Two Are Injured In Mine Explosion

Two Dudley miners were admitted to Altoona Mercy hospital Saturday noon following an explosion in the W. Reed Coal Company mine at Dudley, Huntingdon county, six miles from Saxton, at about 9:30 Saturday morning.

Injured were: Alex Ritsel, 69; and Charles Houck, 51.

An official of the coal company stated that the explosion occurred only in the section where the two men were working. He added that no difficulty was experienced in getting the men from the mine. The mine in which they were digging coal employs 27 men.

The two men were engaged in "shooting" dynamite to loosen the coal and lift the squib too short, the official said.

NEW TESTAMENT IN MODERN LANGUAGE

The Scriptures have been written in modern English that most anyone can understand. Read a fascinating story of a recent translation of the Bible by the Rev. Francis P. LeBluff, S. J., formerly professor of Hebrew at Woodstock College. One of many unusual features in the November 5th issue of The American Weekly, favorite magazine with the Baltimore Sunday American. Order from your newsdealer.

Must Learn to Pray in Dutch

"Learn to repeat the Lord's Prayer in Dutch within a week" was the solemn ruling handed down to six Watscotown Halloween pranksters by Burgess Morris Moser in a hearing Wednesday night. The juveniles were also ordered to pay costs for the damage they inflicted on a fence and several residential properties in the town. Burgess Moser did not explain what the consequences would be if the arrested boys failed to carry out his orders.

Osterburg Girl, Former WAC, Slain By Unknown Assailant In Baltimore

Victim Dies in Hospital One Hour After Found on Street with Four Stab Wounds In the Chest

A dying girl's whispered mention of a man's first name has provided Baltimore police with a major clue in their search for the slayer who fatally stabbed a 26-year-old woman worker and left her bleeding on a Baltimore street.

Evelyn Acker, 26, former WAC and native of Osterburg, near Altoona, died in the Baltimore Mercy hospital early Friday morning an hour after she was found with four stab wounds in the chest and two wrist slashes.

Miss Acker, for the last year an electrician's helper at the Bethlehem-Fairfield Shipyards, Inc., re-

Local Banks Share In Recognition

Have Accomplished Exceptional Work in Farm Credit

For the third year, Centre county's banks have participated with other banks in Pennsylvania to win the annual American Bankers Association "1,000-Plus" award for outstanding service to farmers. It was announced by E. S. Orr, treasurer of the Bellefonte Trust Co. of Bellefonte, who has been designated by the Pennsylvania Bankers Association as Centre county banker representative.

The award, which is an honor shared by all Pennsylvania banks, is made on the basis of "regular" and "extra" services available from banks to their farm customers. This year recognition is given to banks in Pennsylvania and to the Pennsylvania Bankers Association for exceptional work in farm credit, and for constructive projects to improve farming methods.

Mr. Orr said, "Nearly every bank coming in contact with Pennsylvania farmers has engaged in some project during the past year to help agriculture in its community."

Data collected by the American Bankers Association shows that over half of these banks in Pennsylvania are helping farmers to develop better livestock programs and are encouraging them to plant new and improved crop varieties. Of course, most of our country banks are active also in efforts to combat inflation and speculation, and are encouraging farmers to build up financial reserves in War Bonds.

The survey also revealed that 26 per cent of these banks are assisting boys and girls with club projects, and are encouraging them to be active in organizations such as the 4-H clubs and the Future Farmers of America. Also 60 per cent of the banks surveyed distribute account books to their farm customers, help them with income tax reports, and in other ways to help farmers to do a better job with the paper work of running a farm business.

With reference to the wartime speculation in farm land which is growing serious in parts of the country, Mr. Orr reported that Pennsylvania banks urge farmers not to contribute to inflation and hard-to-pay debts, by purchasing land at too high a price now.

"This effort is important to the future of farming in this state," Mr. Orr said, "for Pennsylvania farm land values have increased 28 per cent on the average, during the five years since war broke out in Europe. While in many places the situation does not appear to be serious, in some localities the rise has been much more rapid than for the state as a whole."

The survey showed that in 1943 Pennsylvania banks advanced credit to 42,437 Pennsylvania farmers to help them produce crops and livestock useful to the war effort. This was 25 per cent of all farm operations in the state. Thousands of other farmers are eligible for bank credit but are wisely using their own funds now to finance their farming operations.

Sandy Ridge Man in Hospital

Patrick Lorigan and daughters, of Sandy Ridge, were visitors at the Newton D. Baker General Hospital, West Virginia, to see their son and brother, Pfc. John Lorigan, who was wounded in France on August 31. He arrived at Mitchell Field, October 1 by plane and was transferred to West Virginia the following Friday. He is paralyzed in both legs, but since his return to the States, has shown quite a lot of improvement. Pfc. Lorigan was a machine-gunner in the 12th Infantry and was over-seas less than 3 months.

Twelve Pass Drivers Tests

Twenty-two persons were present to take their drivers tests last Wednesday in Lock Haven, under the direction of the Pleasant Gap State Police. Of the twenty-two, ten failed to pass their test. The new drivers are: F. H. Loudon and Hilda Leupold, Lock Haven; Donald M. and Samuel E. Wolf, Jr., of Beech Creek; Mabel E. Long and Charles Hacker, Jersey Shore; Evelyn L. Immel, Spring Mills; Ruby F. Bilby, Flemington; Lillian Heckman, Howard; and Virginia M. Hall, Williamsport.

Someone Has Neglected to Write



Circus Clown Dies Suddenly

Cole Brothers Circus Entertainer Was Native of Loganton

George Adam Blerly, 48, a native of Loganton, who was well known professionally as Karyl DeMotte, died suddenly Monday of last week shortly after his afternoon performance with the Cole Brothers Circus at Waco, Texas.

A clown, DeMotte had been a circus entertainer for 26 years. He had appeared in every state in the union during this time, and had been with Cole Bros. for the past three years.

Monday afternoon he performed as usual for the matinee, and had returned to the dressing tent when he became ill. He died at 6:15 p. m.

A son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Blerly of Loganton, he was a World War I veteran. During the winter he made his home with his sister, Mrs. Donald Greene, of Jersey Shore.

Surviving are five brothers and two sisters: Charles, Harris and Glenn, of Endicott, N. Y.; James, of Loganton; and Pvt. Albert, of Camp Butler, N. C.; Mrs. Greene and Mrs. Ruth Jackson, of Mill Hill.

Four Railroaders Injured in Wreck

Collision of Two Freight Trains Occurs Near Jersey Shore

Four railroaders were injured last Thursday when two freight trains crashed head-on at Treadahigh, near Jersey Shore, Clinton county.

The injured were treated by Dr. P. A. Bay, Jersey Shore, who identified them as follows:

M. S. Rolley, engineer, Dryden, N. Y.; H. W. Decker, flagman, Corning, N. Y.; R. L. Britton, fireman, South Williamsport; and W. C. Silva, fireman, Big Falls, N. Y. The last named was the only man injured enough to require hospitalization, and was admitted to the Jersey Shore hospital with a possible skull fracture.

It is said the wreck was caused by one train failing to turn into a secondary track to allow for the passage of the second train on the main track. While the right-of-way was being cleared, trains were detoured over the Pennsylvania lines.

State College Pastor Goes to Glen Iron

The Rev. J. A. Fritzing, student at Pennsylvania State College, has been assigned as pastor of the Glen Iron Methodist church. The announcement was made last week by the Rev. F. LaMont Henninger, of Sunbury, district superintendent.

Mr. Fritzing succeeds the Rev. S. B. Bidlack, Mifflinburg, retired minister who filled the charge for the past three years.

Two Collisions On Bellefonte Streets

When Cloyd Price, of Bellefonte, is said to have stopped on Pine Street about 6:10 o'clock Saturday morning to pick up a passenger, another car driven by James N. Spicer, also of Bellefonte, failed to halt in time to avoid a collision. Damage to both cars was slight.

Damage estimated at about \$50 resulted when cars operated by Verle Householder of Bellefonte, and James Schreck of Lemont, collided on South Potter Street, about 6 p. m. Friday.

The accident, in which no one was injured, occurred near the Keystone Tire Service. Front fenders of both cars were damaged.

County Cited For Paper Drive

Lehigh county residents collected 1,593 tons of paper—an average of 18 tons per capita—to win the state championship pennant for waste paper collections during the month of September. Among the other fifteen counties awarded citations for establishing per capita ratings above the state average of 11.9 pounds per person, is Centre county with a record of 13.9.

Ex-Governor G. Pinchot Rallies State Farmers In Support of Roosevelt

Twice Former Executive Who Did More for the Farmer Than Any Predecessor, Urges Them to 'Look Back and Remember'

Gifford Pinchot, twice Republican Governor of Pennsylvania, on Saturday spent a personal appeal for support of President Roosevelt to 30,000 friends in the farming areas of the State.

Written from his farm at Millford, the letter cited the President's record in office and the benefits given farmers and wage earners under the Roosevelt Administration.

The ex-Governor, himself a farmer and one of the greatest friends of the farmers of Pennsylvania ever had, sent out the following letter:

"Dear Friend: I am writing you this letter because you and I have stood together before this for the welfare of the people of Pennsylvania, and because our country is facing the most tremendous problems of its whole history. I hope we can stand together now, when the peace of the world, and our own security and welfare, and that of your children and mine, are all at stake.

"My son is in the Navy. I have two grandchildren. I don't want any more wars after this. Neither do you. And the best way to bring that about is to start by choosing the right man for President.

"This is no ordinary election. It will decide who is to lead this nation in finishing the war, warding off depression, promoting full and fair employment, helping the farmers, and winning permanent peace.

Helen Johnston, 13, of Dunncastle, was admitted; Ethel Houck, 18, Dunncastle, treated; Julius March, of Coupon, treated.

Helen Johnston suffered a possible neck injury and her condition was reported to be fair.

Ethel Houck had her left arm, which was injured, placed in a sling. Both young women were taken to the hospital by Mrs. Wright of Dunncastle.

It is reported that the Dunncastle bus pulled around the left side of a Hollidaysburg trolley and onto the tracks. The bus slowed down as though it intended to stop but kept on going and then came to an abrupt stop and the trolley plowed into it.

The persons injured were all passengers in the bus.

Two Beech Creek Boys Wounded

Stray Bullets Strike Walter Kunes and Donald Hevner

While the two sons of Walter H. Kunes of Beech Creek were examining an old revolver at the home recently, the weapon let go in the hands of Walter, Jr., and the bullet made a flesh wound on the knee of his younger brother, Porter, 16.

The wound was dressed by a Beech Creek physician who gave the boy anti-tetanus serum.

Donald Hevner, nine years old, son of James Hevner, residing on Water Street, Beech Creek, was coming out of the front door of the home Monday when a 22 cal. bullet struck him on the breast bone and became imbedded in the flesh. He was treated by a physician and anti-tetanus administered. Where the shot came from is not fully determined but is attributed to careless shooting some distance away. Luckily for Donald the bone saved him from a serious injury in which case the person who shot recklessly would have been in a tight spot of investigation.

Victory Club Meets At Nurses' Home

The Victory Club of the Centre County Hospital, Bellefonte, held its first fall meeting recently in the Nurses' Home on Willowbank street.

A short business meeting was held following which Mrs. B. O. Harvey gave a review on the book, "Home on the River," by Archibald Rutledge. Mrs. O. I. Sidelmann of State College, showed a doll and its collection of clothes she has made.

They include native costumes of all countries, sports, evening and daytime wear. Following the showing refreshments were served. Those present were:

The Misses Sara Adams, Sara Markle, Sara Bryan, Kathryn Coble, Pearl Houz, Virginia Bertram, Sarah Deitrich, Thressa Frey, Betty Hollabaugh and Ethel Beaver.

Also Mrs. Mary Labenski, Mrs. Nellie Geary, Mrs. Louvenia Wilmer, and Mrs. Mary Beener. Announcement was made that the next meeting of the club will be held November at which time new officers will be elected.

Spring Mills Bank Names New Cashier

After serving as teller in the First Milton National Bank since 1925, Frank C. Strickland has accepted a post as cashier of the First National Bank at Spring Mills, Centre county. His resignation at Milton becomes effective Oct. 30. A successor has not yet been named.

Mr. Strickland also served for 14 years as director of the three churches of Christ's Evangelical Lutheran church at Lewisburg. Members of the congregation assembled Thursday night in a farewell meeting.

Twins Are Separated

Polio quarantine Friday prevented the twin sons of Dr. P. T. McCreer and Mrs. McCreer, of Lock Haven, from celebrating their eighth birthday anniversary together. Tommy, who was stricken by infantile paralysis on Oct. 7, is a patient in the isolation ward of the Williamsport hospital. His condition is improving, but progress is slow. His twin brother, Glenn, is at the McCreer residence, which has been under quarantine since Tommy's illness was diagnosed.

PARKING LAW

Council at its meeting November 6 is scheduled to pass a new parking law. The law extends the restricted parking area in the business district, and provides an interesting new feature. Under its terms Bellefonte business or professional men may pay an annual fee of \$5 to the borough for a special parking tag which would be attached to their car or truck. This would give them the privilege of parking in any two-hour space, or in any metered space for two-hour periods without penalty. What irks this corner about this feature of the law, as well as about the recent metering of all spaces in the business area, is that Council, when it originally installed the meters several years ago, held up its hands in holy horror when someone suggested that the meter-idea was designed to create new sources of revenue for the borough. It was, Council proclaimed with injured dignity, solely for the purpose of regulating traffic and parking.

STRAW IN WIND

Monday night of last week just before Dewey spoke we walked into a public place where there were a dozen or more persons. We announced that Mr. Dewey was about to speak from St. Louis, and turned off the radio. One man sat down and listened for a few moments before walking away. Three others stood for not longer than three minutes after Dewey began to speak before they remembered they had something else to do. Long before the speech was ended, we sat alone listening to the presidential candidate. We've been in the same place a number of times when President Roosevelt spoke. Always there has been an attentive and considerable audience to select the addresses. But waiting for election results is like waiting for a jury to return its verdict. You can never be sure what it will be, or why.

HOSPITAL

We're writing this column in what is known as "The Fowler Position" in one of those crank-up beds at the Centre County Hospital. They call it that, we suppose, because they couldn't imagine any fouler position for writing. A visitor came in today, looked at the brass plate on the end of our room and sneered. "Huh! You imagine them putting a newspaperman in the WCTU room?"

OPERATION

This corner has a gigantic advantage over the rest of you customers at this hospital. You have to tell your operation to select groups of those who will listen. We can tell it once and if no one listens our feelings aren't hurt.

FOOLHARDY

The highlight of any operation, of course, is the operation. You get a shot in the arm, and by the time you're in the operating room you feel like they tell you feel on 3 glasses of a beverage called whiskey. Under the influence of the synthetic brewer, we showed our defiance to hospitals and the medical profession by razing the anaesthetic, Miss Bogus. You should never pick up the anaesthetic, she sits on a stool at your head. Fits a rubber thing that looks like a death mask of Dillinger over your face, turns wheels and things and says "Breathe deeply." Your feet are strapped down. Your arms are strapped down. You are entirely helpless. Moreover, if you should happen to incur the anaesthetist's ill-will, all she has to do is to turn the wrong wheel and you're a cooked goose. So, why should we have picked on the anaesthetist to raze is beyond our telling, as we look at the thing now. Anyhow, she gave us a break and we didn't even have much of a hang-over.

OTHERS IN CAST

Others in the operating room included Miss Adams and another nurse we didn't recognize with her mask on. Dr. Adams was nowhere in sight, but they must have showed up at the right time.

RECOVERY

This is really a great place. They go out of their way to make you as comfortable as possible. You press your hand on your bedside and in a matter of seconds a nurse or a nurse's aide is at your door. The nurses' aides are doing a big job in these days of nurse shortage and they're doing it well.

DRS.

You get to be an awful gossip bound in a hospital. You want to know what's going on all the time. Most of your information comes through sounds in the hallways. We hear Dr. Locke and Dr. Parrish visiting their patients. We can tell them by their voices. Guess there are others—but not too many left in these war times. There is Dr. Guss, the veterinarian, who visits every day—but don't get excited—he just comes out to see that new boy of his.

We're getting our lines of communication established out here and learn we are to get out of bed Friday. We're not supposed to know this, but it's nice to know, anyhow.

FIRST PERSON

This week's column should be written in the first person. It's mostly about me as an individual without an appendix, and it seems a little presumptuous to use the usual "we" when my room is located right smack in the maternity ward.

BREAK

We think it's well we came to the hospital when we did. Dr. Adams was never a man to talk politics but we've suspected right along that he needed a guy like us to guide and advise him during these fateful days.

HOWARD RESIDENTS IN HOSPITAL

Lloyd Smith of Howard and Mrs. Ralph Falls of Howard, R. D. 1, were admitted to the Lock Haven Hospital Friday as surgical patients.