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Jesse ADLER Looks at the NEWS

Aged Altoona Man Is Slugged And Robbed By Man He Befriended

Beaten Into Unconsciousness by Bogus Marine After He Had Entertained Assailant in Tap Room

An aged man, who befriended a bogus merchant marine, was slugged and beaten until he dropped over unconscious in an Altoona club and his wallet containing \$17 was stolen...

State Purchases Wild Turkey Farm

Game Commission Acquires 400-Acre Lycoming County Farm

The Pennsylvania Game Commission has purchased a 400-acre Loyalsock creek valley farm in Lycoming county as part of its program to substantially increase the raising of wild turkeys for stocking purposes...

Gordon said between 1,000 and 2,000 wild turkeys were raised annually by the state at the Juniata site...

The executive director said the commissioners inspected a number of sites suggested for turkey farms, but chose the Loyalsock farm...

The commission's original wild turkey propagation program, Gordon said, called for raising of the birds "in the wild" inside a large enclosure...

This improved quality, the director explained, has made it possible to extend wild turkey stocks beyond the heart of the 14-county central Pennsylvania range into at least 15 other counties.

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George Hook, 16, of State College, suffered gunshot wounds of the face about 9 a. m. last Wednesday when shots from another hunter's shell scattered him while hunting near Patton Hills.

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Barbara Ann Klinger, 8, of Second avenue, Altoona, was severely burned last Thursday evening when she was trying to get supper while her mother was away from home.

The girl was burned about the head, face, arms, abdomen, and legs, when her clothing ignited as an oven exploded as she was preparing the evening meal.

The girl's father is said to be in the army and at present is serving overseas.

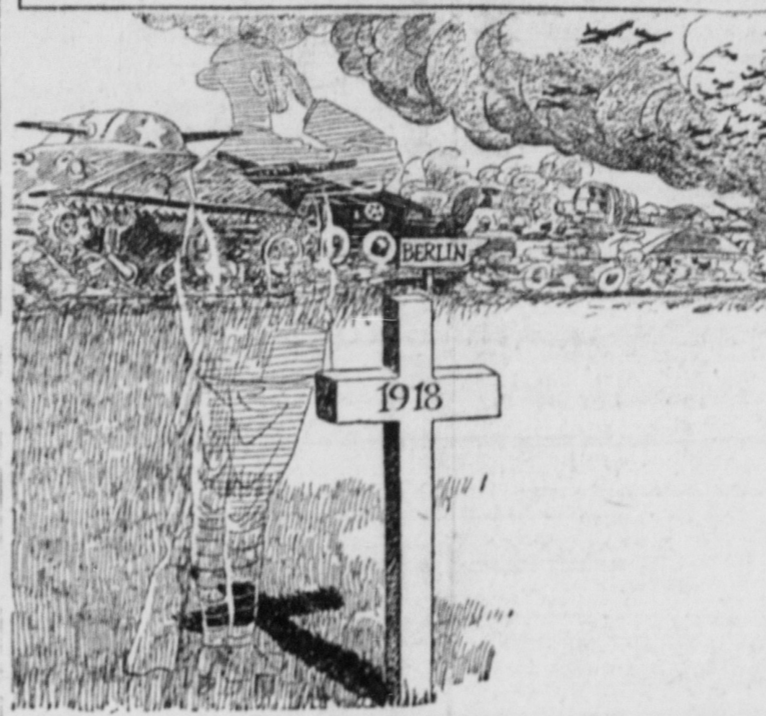
Hurt in Fall From Porch Roof, James Stehley, 39, of Altoona, employed as a roofer for the Sabbath day, was taken to the Altoona hospital by ambulance after falling from a roof of a home at Twenty-second avenue, near Eighteenth street.

Mrs. Lillian A. Martin of Flemington, reported to the State Police that 14 chickens disappeared from her coop at her home one night recently. The police are conducting an investigation.

State Treasurer C. Harold Wagner reported that direct relief payments made to needy residents of Centre county the past week totaled \$450.10. Last week payments totaled \$453.90.

Americanism: Moving the barroom, drinks and jokes, into the parlors.

Armistice Day



Fireman Killed In Rail Crash

Freight Collides With Derailed Train Which Hits Automobile

A freight locomotive fireman was killed Saturday when a west-bound Baltimore and Ohio railroad freight train collided with a derailed east-bound B. & O. passenger train...

The first of the two collisions occurred when an automobile driven by Ella Mae Dush, 35, of Ridgway, stalled on the grade crossing.

Three minutes after the first wreck which had derailed the passenger locomotive, the west-bound freight train smashed head-on into the wreckage, causing derailment of the entire 13-car freight train, reports said.

Twenty passengers, including seven children, escaped injury in the double accident.

The dinner for post officers and chairmen was held at the VFW home last Thursday night when Willard Neff, commander of the post, presented to the Auxiliary the annual check for \$200, in appreciation of the Auxiliary's co-operation and the splendid work during the year.

After-dinner discussion included a review of community projects, hospital work, and tentative plans for welcoming returning veterans and aiding them with their problems.

Announcement was made that all Post and Auxiliary members are asked to keep faith with the dead and remember the living by meeting at the Post Home at 10:15 on Armistice Day to participate in exercises on the Diamond at 11 a. m.

Mrs. Mattie Huber, 65, accompanying her son en route from Chicago to Washington, D. C., became ill on the train and died in Altoona before reaching Altoona hospital.

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"SNOOKUMS"—NEW COMIC BY FAMOUS CARTOONIST. You'll find plenty of chuckles in "Snookums," brand-new comic by George McManus, creator of Jiggs and Maggie. Look for this new funniest starting November 19th in the Comic Weekly "Puck," distributed regularly with the Baltimore Sunday American. Order from your newsdealer.

Counts in Hospital. Mrs. John McCloskey, of Howard, R. D. 1, was admitted to the Lock Haven Hospital as a surgical patient. Mrs. Katie Martin of Aaronsburg, and William S. Council of Beech Creek, were admitted as medical patients.

When the political bug bites a man he will do some unusual things.

Blind Woman Is Fatally Burned When Her Clothes Contact Home Gas Heater

Found on Kitchen Floor by Firemen Called to Extinguish Fire; Paralyzed Daughter-in-Law Unaware of Tragedy

While her daughter-in-law lay helplessly paralyzed in an upstairs room, unaware of what was taking place below, Mrs. Minnie Albright, 72, and blind, was fatally burned shortly after 11 o'clock Sunday night at her home in Altoona.

The elderly blind woman was found on the kitchen floor by firemen, with her clothing burned from her body, when they answered a call sent in by neighbors.

Scream of "fire" were heard by Mrs. Utzinger, who lives across the street from the Albright residence. While the fire company was being called, her neighbor, Ted Steinhart, dashed to the Albright home to see if he could aid the woman who were both in ill health.

She was lying by the ironer and because a gas resistor was burning in the dining room, it is the belief that her clothing caught fire from the heater as she passed it on her way to the kitchen. Firemen thought that there was a possibility that the ironer had been turned on to throw heat into the kitchen when the aged woman had apparently been preparing lunch. Plates and cups were on the table, as were a cake and pie which had been cut and ready to serve.

Ernest, Jr., who was upstairs with his mother, Mrs. Minnie Albright, had no idea that the home was afire until the firemen arrived.

The grandson said he had not told his mother of the tragedy, because of her health. Mrs. Albright is helplessly paralyzed.

The father, Ernest Albright, was not home at the time of the tragedy, and another brother, Albert, is stationed in Texas with the U. S. army.

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HELP! HELP!

Does anyone have a fairly good gas mask they're not using? We've been attending Bellefonte Council sessions for more years than we like to say, and we're unhappy to report that never in all those years have the sessions been such a physical ordeal as at present. It all results from the fact that Councilmen Walter Eberhart and Leslie Thomas, and Borough Manager Phil Taylor, all smoke big black cigars. There is no ventilation in the Council chambers, and before an hour has passed the smoke is simply terrific. There has been some talk about town that Baylor cures his cigars in a mixture of asphalt and sulphuric acid, and although it has never been proved, we're inclined to put some belief in the rumor. Actually, at Monday's session the smoke was so thick that President William Sieg, at the other end of the room, appeared like a gray ghost. The powerful lights over the Council table glowed a dull red through the haze. Smoke settled on the tables and chairs like lime dust, and newspapermen entertained themselves by tossing chunks of smoke back and forth. Well, anyway, the Council chamber needs a ventilating fan.

LOW NUMBERS: This corner's search for the holder of the lowest automobile registration plate number in Centre county has revealed two fairly low ones, Armstrong L. Francis, of the West Penn Power Company, Bellefonte, has No. 14,000, unique because it is an even number. J. Eganover, of Centre Hall, has the lowest number reported to date, his being 13,153. Get out your operator's card now and look at the number on the upper left corner. If you have a low one, drop us a card.

PROGRESS NOTE: O. Edward Haupt, proprietor of Haupt's Place north of town—once one of this area's show places—has just had the house repainted and the improvement in the appearance of the property is vastly noticeable to motorists along the Bellefonte-Milesburg highway.

OLD ATLAS: George Mothersbaugh, of Boalsburg, has an interesting old atlas of Centre county, published in the 1870's. The atlas includes large maps of each borough and township in the county, with many of the properties outlined and the names of the owners designated. It is interesting to note that the only houses shown on East Curtin street are the Beaver mansion, the Orvis property, the First National Bank building and the Baum home, all at the corner of Allegheny and Curtin streets. Apparently, there were no buildings east of the corner. State College was a way-station labeled "Agricultural College." The town did not exist at a borough in those days. The county was literally dotted with postoffices, many of which have been out of existence for so long the names have been forgotten today.

GETTING READY: Veterans' organizations hereabouts are getting ready to aid in the carrying out of the G. I. "Bill of Rights," a law providing for service men's needs after the war. Plans are being completed with amazing thoroughness and those in the service returning to civilian life will find most of their worries smoothed out through the foresight and initiative of a thoughtful government and willing veterans of former wars.

NO HELP: The Bellefonte Chamber of Commerce at Monday's Council meeting lodged a protest against the full pricing of all pricing areas in the business district, but Council seems set in its ways, and there is little prospect of a change. Council contends that if half the meters are taken out, it will be necessary to increase the tax millage. For our part the whole argument should be decided by parking meter receipts. If receipts show a loss, the meter is not substantially greater than with half of them in operation as was the case up until last month, the inconvenience and bother about the whole question may not be worth while.

WHO WON: This piece is written on the eve of what may be one of the most important national elections in the history of the country. We have no idea who won, but let's all keep in mind that the man who is next President is the man we all owe it to our country and to ourselves to pitch in and keep the ball rolling. We say this principally because we suspect there will be no change in the national administration and the political fapoodle with which the country has been flooded for the past number of months should be relegated to the bone-yard where it belonged in the first place. The United States is winning two major wars at the same time—the most serious task ever faced by the nation. Nothing else is so important, for if we were losing the war we would be in danger of losing everything. Things could be much, much worse than any of us imagine.

Cows High in Butterfat Two registered Holstein-Friesian cows in the dairy herd of the Pennsylvania State College recently completed official production records of over 600 pounds of butterfat. The Holstein-Friesian Association of America has announced.

Pretty Bear Eggs Fifteen dollars for 3 1/2 dozen eggs is what a merchant at Oil City paid to a stranger—and inflation isn't here either. After uncovering the top layer of a crate, and finding 3 1/2 dozen eggs, all the merchant saw from then on were layers of stones.

4-H ACHIEVEMENTS ARE RECOGNIZED THIS WEEK Producing 200 tons of beef, 67 tons of capons, 34 tons of pigs, counting 23,746 jars of meat, fruit and vegetables, along with producing countless tons of vegetables—these are just a few of the achievements of Pennsylvania's 4-H boys and girls this year. This week is being observed nationally as 4-H Achievement Week, with numerous local programs stressing the accomplishments of various agricultural and home economics clubs.

A. L. Baker, state 4-H club leader, is still tabulating reports in his offices at the Pennsylvania State College. He reveals that projects chosen by the groups this year included beef, pigs, capons and poultry, dairy herds, berries, onion, tomato, corn, forestry, tobacco, potato, sheep and also scores of vegetable clubs. In the home economics departments, the girls had an equally large variety of projects, including canning, clothing, breakfast and supper clubs, child care, room improvement, homemakers' assistants, outdoor cookery and allied subjects.

"Although the boys and girls did a surprising job of producing extra food under wartime conditions, and then aided in preserving that food, production was only one phase of the achievement," Baker said. "The way these boys and girls met the farm labor shortage, stepped in to group activities that aided community ventures, and the scores of extra services for wartime agencies—these reflect the principles of the 4-H club in action," he added.

Hospital Receives Many Contributions Among contributions received by the Centre county hospital during the past week were the following, officials report. From the Bellefonte Evangelical church, first aid supplies; from the Union church, of Hecla Park, harvest home donation; from the Logan Grange, Milesburg Women's club, the East Penn Valley Grange at Millheim, and the Bellefonte Grange canned fruits and vegetables; from Mrs. Mary Schenck, of Howard, canned fruits and vegetables; from the Pleasant Gap Girl Scouts, canned fruits and vegetables and tray favors; from the Howard Civic Club, fruits, vegetables and groceries.

To Return to States. Sgt. Harold E. Ross, son of Stewart Ross of State College, expects to return to the States soon after completing 408 hours of aerial action in the Southwest Pacific. Sgt. Ross is an aerial gunner and assistant engineer in the crew of a Liberator bomber of the "Jolly Roger" heavy bomber outfit. He has completed raids on Balikpapan, Palau and other important targets. He has been on 54 missions and has been awarded the air medal. He calls his most exciting mission the one on which four members of the crew were wounded by enemy fire. Before entering the service, Sgt. Ross attended State College High School.

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Add Conscience Fund A Williamsport drugist received 60 cents in stamps and a note from a former employee. The note explained the stamps were to cover the cost of candy I ate while I was working for you.

Postoffice To Be Closed, Saturday Armistice Day, November 11, being a legal holiday the Bellefonte postoffice will be closed. It was announced yesterday by Ebon B. Bower, acting postmaster.

Miss Elsie White, about 16, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. White, who resides near Youngdale, Centre county, was shot in the neck Thursday by an unidentified hunter. The wound was not a severe one but the shot was not far from her jugular vein.

It was reported that five Lock Haven hunters were in the vicinity and that one, whose name was not ascertained, fired across a public road, striking the girl in the neck as she stood on the porch at her home.

There have been rumors of repeated careless shooting in the vicinity of McKhattan.

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This country has two tasks; to abolish war, if possible, and to abolish depressions, if possible.