

Jesse ADLER Looks at the NEWS

HEADLINE: "Dewey Sweeps Albany." At which F. D. R. probably nodded: "I'll bet he does that well."

RUNNING a political campaign is a little bit like running a column—you work frantically towards a deadline, then leisurely make retractions.

ONE thing about political dirt. Nobly worries about libel. What they're all afraid of is that the opposition is libel to prove it!

A REAL far-sighted merchant was the guy who engraved "Roosevelt-for-President" buttons on metal and advertised them "Good for a Lifetime!"

IN SOME polling places the voting machines were out of order. What with labor shortage, priorities and stuff, how'd voters expect a machine like that to be repaired in a mere 364 days?

THE N. Y. Daily News conceded the re-election of F. D. R. before midnight, then settled down to writing anti-Fifth Term editorials for release in September, 1948, on why there wouldn't be an election in 1948

BIGGEST odds bet of the year was offered by comedian Eddie Davis who wagered \$25,000 to \$1 that Sidney Hillman wouldn't vote for Dewey.

DEWEY received the bad news at his campaign headquarters—and to rub it in even more the towels with which he wiped his brow bore the name Roosevelt neatly embroidered.

NOW that the election is over and the lease for the White House has been renewed for four years, Eleanor can settle down preparing her travel itinerary for the next four years.

ANYWAY we can now join our boys overseas and go on with the war. After all there's quite a difference between a soldier and a politician. A soldier hasn't a bed to sleep in—but a politician makes his bed when he has to lie out of it.

SO MUCH talk about our Economic System reminded me of the guy who told his wife the bank returned their check "Goodie-goodie" she replied, "what'll we buy with it this time?"

A G. I. back from overseas playfully asked the waitress if the ice cream was pure. "As pure as the girl of your dreams," she responded. "So he ordered a ham sandwich!"

A NEW city law fines you \$10 if you shake your mop from a N. Y. apartment house window. If you drop the entire thing on a passer-by, however, you owe \$10 but are subject to a civil suit.

BOB WEITMAN of the N. Y. Paramount unearthed a sure-fire method of determining which patrons Sinatra drew. All those wearing suits with coats and pants to match were considered regular customers.

A NEW Nazi order replaces all fifes and drums with guns. From all German bands we've heard the change outfit to be a definite boon to Nazi morale!

Mothers' Club Hears Talk by State Nurse

A regular meeting of the Bellefonte Mothers' Club was held Thursday night at the home of Mrs. Charles E. Martin, on East Currier street, with Mrs. Charles Keller and Mrs. Arthur Hewitt as co-hostesses. There were 20 members and three guests present.

After a short business meeting, at which Mrs. Charles Garbrick presided, the meeting was turned over to the program committee. Mrs. Laef Olsen introduced Miss Martha Albert, head of the Music department of Bellefonte High School, who sang "Let My Song Fill Your Heart," "Into the Night," and "The Sleep That Flits on Babies' Eyes." She was accompanied by Miss Joan O'Hara.

Miss Mary Sigel, state nurse, gave an interesting talk on the functions and accomplishments of the Baby Clinic. Each Wednesday morning from 10 to 12 noon the clinic is open for any mother; to bring her baby, where it is weighed, measured and examined by a physician who is at the clinic at that time.

He advises the mothers as to care and feeding of the infants. Babies who are ill are not allowed at the clinic, but are sent to the family physician. Babies with any deformities are sent to specialists, hospitals, or orthopedic clinics for treatment or correction.

The clinic is held under the auspices of the Red Cross and sponsored by the Mothers' Club. From January 1, 1944, to October 1, 1944, 564 babies attended the clinic, 36 babies were referred to their family physician, and 16 babies were sent to hospitals or orthopedic clinics.

Mrs. Arthur Dale, a charter member of Mother's Club, gave an interesting resume of the club's history, which is in its 17th year. There are now 45 members.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Francis Robinson, Curtin street, on December 14, in the form of a Christmas party, where each member will bring a baby gift to be used at the clinic for the babies' annual Christmas party December 20.

The program committee for November were Mrs. Edna Dean, Mrs. Paul Dubbs, Mrs. Frank Daly and Mrs. Fred Fisher.

Shoofly Big Wild Turkey Clefion Albright of Logan, shot a 27-pound wild turkey in the 14-Mile Narrows last Monday. The bird was by far the largest reported shot in Clinton county this season.

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Sailor Dies in Philipsburg Hospital After Auto Crack-Up Near Osceola Mills

Edward G. Hudak of Clearfield County Fatally Injured As Car Crashes Into Guard Rail; Leg Torn Off

Injuries suffered early last Thursday morning in an automobile crack-up near Osceola Mills, resulted in the death a few hours later in the Philipsburg Hospital of Edward George Hudak, 18-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Hudak, of Ginter, Clearfield county.

Prisoners Foiled Trying to Escape

Subdued With Tear Gas After Threatening Doctor With Knives

Three long-term prisoners at the Lewisburg Federal Penitentiary are in isolation cells today as a result of an unsuccessful attempt to escape over the weekend.

Woman to Spend Life At Muncy

Mrs. Nancy Holt Was Convicted of Poisoning Husband

Nancy Jeanette Holt, 29, of Frederick, Okla., entered the State Industrial Home for women at Muncy, last week, to begin a life sentence for the "systematic poisoning of her husband, Jesse, 33, in May 1943.

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A harvest dance will be held in the Spring street gymnasium Wednesday by the G. A. M. S. of the Bellefonte High School.

Parents Fined For Children's Absences

Parents of three children, who were absent from school longer than the legal period were ordered to pay fines and costs of prosecution at a hearing held last Wednesday night before Squire E. T. Haines of Snow Shoe.

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Youth Hit by Car Near Bland Park

Eugene Reese of Port Matilda Suffers Fractured Leg

A Port Matilda youth was admitted to Altoona hospital early last Thursday morning, having been injured when struck by a taxi near Bland Park, State Police reported.

Speaker from Chile To Address Children

Boys and girls of Bellefonte and vicinity are invited to attend a child evangelist rally in the local United Brethren Church on Sunday afternoon, December 3, when Miss Irene McKelop, of Chile, will give an illustrated talk on her work in that country.

Aged Cresson Man Critically Injured

An aged Cresson pedestrian was admitted in a critical condition to Altoona Mercy hospital last week on Route 22, near Cresson, when he was struck by either a truck or a car, state police of the Ebensburg district reported.

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Altoona Woman and Son Held In Fatal Attack On Railroad Shop Foreman

Arrested In Alleged Assault on Herbert A. Weidle September 4; Victim Dies Thursday from Head Injuries

Mrs. Olive Leona Westover, 46, of Altoona, and her son, William D. Westover, 22, of Westover, Pa., were arrested last Wednesday in Altoona in connection with an alleged assault on a Pennsylvania railroad foreman seven weeks ago. The victim of the assault, Herbert A. Weidle, 57, died last Thursday night at the Altoona hospital. At first charged with aggravated assault and battery with intent to kill, Mrs. Westover will now face a charge of manslaughter, and her son with accessory to the fact.

Mrs. Westover is alleged to have banged Weidle's head against a concrete wall in the vicinity of the Brown Derby at Lexington avenue, on Saturday night, September 26. Weidle was removed to Altoona hospital by ambulance on Sunday afternoon, September 24, in an unconscious condition. At the time he was admitted he was apparently suffering from head injuries and both his eyes were blackened. He was removed to Philadelphia three weeks ago where he was admitted to University of Pennsylvania hospital for examination by an eminent brain specialist, but was sent back to Altoona when it was learned that an operation was impossible.

Police records reveal that an anonymous phone call had been received Saturday night, September 23, stating that Weidle had been seen having his head banged against the wall of the Brown Derby, and that both state and city police had made investigations.

State police learned that Weidle apparently had not been at any of the taverns.

Flemington Man Injured on Street

Taken to Hospital For Treatment of Face and Right Arm

George E. Truckenmiller, 52, of 635 Wright street, Flemington, is being treated at the Lock Haven Hospital for injuries received in a yet unknown manner while the State Police conduct an investigation.

Mr. Truckenmiller was removed to the hospital early Sunday morning, after a report was made to city police headquarters of a man covered with blood was lying along Bellefonte avenue, just outside the city limits. After he had been taken from the scene the incident was turned over to the State Police for inquiry.

He is suffering from injuries to his face and right arm. The supposition is that he was struck by a car.

\$1,000 Loss As Fire Destroys Corn Crib

Damage estimated at \$1,000 resulted from noon last Wednesday when fire destroyed a corn crib and its contents on a farm tenanted by Lester Roseman and family at Potters Mills.

Centre Hall firemen were called to the scene and used about 450 gallons of water from booster tanks as well as about 750 gallons hauled from Centre Hill, about a mile distant.

The blaze is believed to have originated from an explosion of undetermined origin and the flames spread rapidly. It is reported that some gasoline was stored in the corn crib. Firemen succeeded in saving a large barn and hog pen.

In the crib was corn valued at about \$750, and the building was valued at about \$200.

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The accident occurred in the 600 block of West Beaver avenue when the Case machine, which was going west, pulled to the right side of the street to pick up a passenger. Mr. Friedman, going in the same direction, failed to see the car slowing up and crashed into its left rear.

Damage to the Friedman car was approximately \$135, and to the Case machine about \$15.

Harvest Dance To Be Held by G.A.M.S.

A harvest dance will be held in the Spring street gymnasium Wednesday by the G. A. M. S. of the Bellefonte High School.

One of the features of the dance will be the crowning of a Harvest Queen. Candidates are to be selected from each of the girls' home-rooms throughout the school while the choice of the Queen will be determined by popular election during an assembly program.

Monument Soldier Wounded

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Stover of Monument, have been informed that their son, Pvt. William G. Stover, was wounded in Germany, Oct. 23, Stover was inducted April 5, 1944, and trained at Fort McClellan, Ala., taking part in the invasion of France six months after he joined the service. He graduated from the Lock Haven High School in 1936 and was employed by the Castanea Paper Company before entering the service. His small son, Billy, is residing with his parents until Pvt. Stover returns.

No Rest For Weary

Only Christmas Day will be a holiday at the Pennsylvania State College this semester. There will be school as usual on Thanksgiving and also on New Year's Day.

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MISSED ONE: The grapevine reports that Bellefonted missed out on an old-time political parade last Tuesday night. It is reported that plans had been carefully made to hold a parade if candidate Dewey won the presidency. As a result of the returns, the parade plans were scrapped.

HIT ONE: We acknowledge receipt from friend William W. Sieg of a note regarding a difference of opinion between us on who was to be the next President, but we're not gloating. We recall, somewhat painfully, that we dispatched a similar note to him several years ago when it developed that our contention that no U. S. soldier ever would be sent outside the continental limits of the U. S. turned out to be exactly as far wrong as it could have been. Mr. Sieg's note read: "Vision is a wonderful asset." It would be nice, wouldn't it, to have vision strong enough to bet on.

FILLERS: "Fillers" in a newspaper office are one, two, three and four line paragraphs about miscellaneous subjects used to fill in odd spaces in newspaper columns. All newspapers subscribe to services which provide "fillers" and they are kept on hand for use when the newspaper forms are being made up. "Fillers" are meant to be innocuous little things, and there's no case on record where one of them ever resulted in an international crisis, race riot, or even a bar-room brawl. However, there is a first for everything, and we understand a filler appearing in last week's issue of this newspaper caused some comment at a local club meeting. We hunted up the three-line item, and to be frank, we don't entirely understand it. As a result we've dispatched a note to the service which provides our fillers, shaking a finger at them and warning them that in the future fillers must remain what they always have been in the past—short, innocent, and interesting.

PARK: Bellefonte needs a park and recreation center. In looking at an old map of Bellefonte we noticed that the water in the old Car Shop Dam (near the present Sutton Engineering Company dam) was being approximately 300 feet wide and backed up the water of Spring Creek for a considerable distance toward Roopsburg, making a sizeable body of water. A park should have facilities for swimming, boating and ice skating. The dam stop dam or the Phoenix hill dam, the McCook dam could be made into recreation areas worthy of the name. The borough, in a small way, recently demonstrated what can be done in this line in making a little park on the piece of land between the tail race and Spring Creek. The same McCook Mill property, west Lamb street. The place used to be overgrown with weeds. Today the grass is neatly trimmed, a brick fireplace has been built for picnickers, tables have been provided and the area, once an eyesore, presents an attractive appearance.

NEED MORE: The Bellefonte War Fund Drive is approximately \$6,000 short of its goal. This means that local charities, such as the Y. M. C. A., and other wide agencies which provide for service men and for the victims of war, will not receive the support they counted on from this county. Many persons have not subscribed to the fund, and officials believe that if, during the weekend, every person who has not submitted a pledge would do so, the quota would be met.

SERVICE TESTS GIVEN Clinton County Man

Sixteen men registered with Clinton County Draft Board No. 2 took their pre-induction examinations at Harrisburg last Thursday. They were: Leonard G. Winkelman, Walter L. Simcox, Sylvester K. Heller, Avie Walker, John H. Conroy, Calvin L. Allen, Theodore E. Reeder, Jr., Richard D. Rupert, Donald R. Yarnell, Mill Hall; Arthur L. Powers, Harry C. Royer, Lock Haven; Wilbur G. Williams, Flemington; Robert E. Green, Henry S. Withey, Renovo; John H. Heichel, Jr., Pottersdale; Ellsworth Conway, Beech Creek; Allen Reeder and Yarnell are volunteers.

FIFTEEN PASS DRIVERS' TESTS Twenty-two applicants for automobile drivers' license took the tests given by the Pleasant Gap Detail of State Police at Lock Haven last Wednesday. The new drivers are: Joyce M. Bayson, Jersey Shore; Douglas Brady, Marion Fredericks, Mrs. Helen R. Snyder, Lock Haven; Jean L. Russ, Saladarsburg; Jume Corsen, Margaret K. Gohl, Laryville; Ardell Gardner, Lock Haven, R. D.; David L. McCarty, Howard, R. D.; Naomi Smith, McElhattan; Ruth Andrews, Bruce; Beryl E. Eyer, McElhattan; Alona G. Richeb, Loganton, R. D.; Bella Nesman, Hamersley Fork; William G. Glossner, Blanchard.

DOUBLE, DOUBLE TROUBLE Eight children in the Ralph Emertick family, Williamsport, have been stricken with whooping cough. It was reported to the City Health Bureau on Thursday. A quarantine placard has been placed on the home.