

THE OFFICE CAT

"A Little Nonnense Now and Then, Is Relieved by the Wisest Men"

School Room Classic
 "Teacher makes us raise a hand,"
 Said little Donald Root;
 "But Fido hasn't any hands,
 So he has to raise a foot."

According to Law
 A man bought several hundred very expensive cigars and had them insured against fire. After he had smoked them all, he put in a claim that they were destroyed by fire. The insurance company refused to pay and the man sued. The judge decided that, as the company agreed to insure the cigars against fire and had given the man a policy it was financially responsible.

As soon as the man accepted the money, the insurance company had him arrested on a charge of arson.
 Was he guilty or not?

Latest Models
 It used to be the fashion for the wife to make her husband a necktie out of her old dress. But now she makes herself a dress out of an old necktie.

Seeing Things
 Said the bartender: "You're so drunk you're blind."
 Drunk—"I can walk a straight line as good as you can and I can see."
 Bartender—"All right, what's that in the door?"
 Drunk squints a couple of times and says, "That's a one-eyed cat."
 Bartender—"You're wrong—that's a cat going out."

Willing Relief
 Sea Captain—"There is no hope. The ship is doomed. In an hour we will all be dead."
 Seaside Passenger—"Thank heaven!"

Knowing Little Lamp
 In the parlor there were three.
 She, the table lamp, and he;
 Two is company, there is no doubt,
 So the little lamp went out.

Abie's Answer
 Teacher—"And now children, can any one of you tell me what is a stoic?"
 Only one hand went up. "Well, Abie, tell your classmates what is a stoic?"
 "Please, teacher," said Abie triumphantly, "A stoic is a boid what brings in the babies."

Screen Test
 She—"Are you sure it is me you are in love with and not my clothes?"
 He—"Test me, Darling."

Not So Good
 He—"Let's walk in the garden."
 She—"No, I'm afraid if you do you'll—"
 He—"No, honestly I won't."
 She—"Oh, well, what's the use then?"

Couldn't Do It
 Pat and Mike stood before a store window where trunks were placed on sale.
 Said Pat: "Moike, why doncha buy a trunk?"
 "What for, and pray tell me?"
 "To put your clothes in, you butterin' idgit."
 "What, and make me go naked?"

Choose Your Language
 "I want some consecrated lye," said the customer.
 "You mean concentrated lye," corrected the druggist.
 "It does nutmeg any difference," the man retorted. "That's what I calmpor. How much does it sulphur?"
 "Fifteen cents. Bright fellow, aint you? I've never cinnamon with so much wit."
 "Well, I should myrrh-myrrh. And as yet ammonia beginner at it."

A Fine Cow
 Political speakers don't always drink water to help their oratory. The story is told of one who always sipped a glass of milk while speaking. Before one of his recent orations, a practical joker placed a little of that good stuff in the milk. There came a pause in the midst of the oration—then a sip of milk—a queer look, and then a much longer sip.
 Finally, as the speaker felt the fiery fluid percolate down his throat, he exclaimed: "Lord, what a cow!" and drained the glass.

Complaining Old Maid
 "If the United States postal service is going to crab about letters being a fraction of an ounce overweight, I'm afraid I'll have to do my mailing elsewhere."

Something to Peruse
 Librarian—"Sir, we are about to close for today, is there anything you would like to take out?"
 Local Man—"Why, yes. How about the brunette in the red dress?"

We Know They're Safe
 Sign on a slot machine in a tavern: "In case of an air raid, crawl under this machine—it's never been hit."

Sam Was Disgusted
 At the end of three weeks of married life a southern darkey returned to the minister who had performed the ceremony and asked for a divorce. After explaining that he could not grant divorces, the minister tried to dissuade his visitor from carrying out his intention.
 "You must remember, Sam, that you promised to take Liza for better or worse."
 "Yes, sir, I knows dat, boss," rejoined the darkey. "But she's wuss dan I took her for."

That's all, folks. Believe it or not, golf is the game that has turned the cows out of the pasture and let the bull in. —SCAT.

Jesse Adler Looks at the News

FUNNY thing, politics. No sooner was F. D. R. re-elected for a Fourth Term, than the very newspapers that complained he wouldn't live through a Fourth Term began campaigning against a Fifth Term!

THAT'S making as rapid a recovery as the drunken husband sobbing up when his wife walks into a safe and catches him with "that" blonde.

ANYWAY November 7th no longer is known as Election Day as much as it's becoming known as F. D. R. Confirmation Day!

THE people just as much as said "I'll Take Dewey—with Manila."

AFTER her campaign speeches (which almost licked her) we suggest that Congresswoman write a daily column and title it: "Luce Talk."

A PARCEL service truck in Chicago was stolen, carrying a load of "laughing gas." Everybody in the



Echoes From the Past

Fifty Years Ago

General Hastings is still hiding from the professional office seekers. A man of the General's genial disposition must be greatly annoyed by the constant importunities of his many friends who are after places either for themselves or their friends; and it is not surprising that he is keeping out of the way. What a difficult task it must be to dispose of the claims of his so-called Democratic allies, so as not to offend the genuine Republicans. The lot of a politician is certainly not cast in pleasant places.

Westley Nesterlove, an employe of the Mill Hall axe and tool works, had a narrow escape from death Tuesday of last week. His clothing came in contact with a revolving shaft and in an instant Nesterlove was being whirled through the air at lightning speed. A chain was hanging over the shaft and with wonderful presence of mind he seized it and clung to it with all his might. Fortunately his strength was sufficient to stop him from whirling and his clothing gave way and he fell to the floor naked and bruised and badly frightened, but not seriously hurt.

On Tuesday evening a number of friends assembled at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gottlieb Haag, at their hotel on Bishop street, to celebrate the 40th anniversary of their marriage.

The 48th annual session of the teachers' institute of Centre county will be held in the court house, Bellefonte, during the week of December 17 to 21. A number of instructors have been engaged for the

occasion, and lectures also have been arranged for.

Basinful Young Men. In the past week Mr. Baldwin, the florist, opened up a handsome display in our town and the ladies are delighted with the idea. Flowers and potted plants always attract their attention and the rarer and more costly the greater their delight. Next to this comes an ice cream parlor or candy factory. It is a known fact that the young misses of Bellefonte have creamy necks that will not pass by one of these establishments without showing a hankering thirst for a dish. Then there is Johnny Sourbeck's candy factory; it will attract the attention of a maiden a square away. The thought of his fresh sweetmeats, bonbons, caramels, mint drops, chocolate creams, will distract them. With a capital of twenty-five cents any young man can do the elegant in an ice cream parlor with his fairest, but in a candy factory he will be lost—he will want to sample the establishment. That is why Bellefonte young men are so shy of late. Baldwin and Sourbeck will be responsible for an increase of old maids.

A committee consisting of Gen. J. A. Beaver, chairman; John C. Miller, S. H. Williams, James Harris and William T. Fitzgerald were appointed at a regular meeting of Greg Post, No. 95, Saturday night, to take charge of and promote the Curtin monument movement. The fund has already been started with a \$500 subscription by the Centre County Veteran Club. A fund of \$25,000 is desired for the monument.

Twenty Years Ago

John Clark Norman, aged 69, of Juniata, conductor on the Pittsburgh division of the Pennsylvania Railroad and brother of Mrs. Annie Spotts, of Port Matilda, was killed early Sunday morning when he was struck and run over by a shifting engine near Juniata. Norman had just completed a run over the division and was walking along the tracks when he was believed to have been struck by a locomotive which was traveling in reverse. The body was badly mutilated since the wheels passed over his abdomen.

Bellefonte friends received word that James Bayard, of Williamsport, formerly of Bellefonte, had suffered an accident which was expected to cost him the sight of one eye. He was at work in the radiator department of the Williamsport Manufacturing Company when something struck a tool he was using, causing the tool to strike him in the eye. To complicate matters, he was wearing glasses and fragments of glass also entered the eye. The man was taken to Philadelphia for treatment by specialists.

Daniel Webster Eberhart, possibly the oldest carpenter in Centre county, was preparing to celebrate his 91st birthday anniversary on November 29. Although he had retired from active life, Mr. Eberhart spent much of his time manufacturing small novelties at his shop at his home on High street, Bellefonte.

Negotiations were closed between

to learn to play the accordion. "What about Phil Baker?" questioned the youngster. "By the time you're old enough to make a living with that instrument," Bing replied, "Baker'll be too old to lift one."

REPORTS that Hitler is dead seemed to be confirmed by Himmler's speech in which six different passages out of "Mein Kampf" were quoted. If it isn't Hitler talking from the grave it's the next best thing—a man talking on his way into one!

ADD Understatements: Lee Cooper was arrested in Chicago for taking a stroll in the nude. "So sorry," he apologized to police. "I knew when I left the house I'd forgotten something!"

SOME of us are griping because of the Sixth War Loan. "It's getting so monotonous," is the complaint. Well the only thing about war that isn't monotonous to a soldier is being killed—it only happens once.

The American dollar continues to be the best currency in the world; who remembers the doleful prophecies of the financial wizards when the gold content was changed?

Many years ago there was a man who said that all progress had been made.

The trouble with the world, as we have heard it said, is the people on it.

Decker Brothers and the "Big Spring Motor Company," a new automobile firm established here by J. C. Houck and John and Earl Neese, whereby the latter became owners of the former Decker Brothers garage on South Water street. The new firm was to have the agency for the Rickenbacker car and also were to specialize in repair work.

Crossed electrical wires in the State College A. & P. store caused that town's second fire in 48 hours, Friday night, and brought the total damages to about \$50,000. State College had scarcely recovered from a blaze less than 48 hours earlier which razed almost an entire corner in the main business section when the second fire wiped out the A. & P. store and almost totally destroyed the post office in the Robert Foster block. Damage in the first fire was placed at \$50,000 and in the second, \$10,000.

Mr. and Mrs. Miles Dukeman, of Curtin, parents of Chief of Police Harry Dukeman, of Bellefonte, observed their 60th wedding anniversary on November 19 at their home. No celebration was held, owing to the death by accident of their son, Harrison Dukeman, of Clearfield, about a month earlier. Mr. and Mrs. Dukeman both were in their eightieth year and had spent their entire life at Curtin, having lived in the home they then occupied for 49 years. Both enjoyed remarkable health.

SAYS PENN STATE LACKS FACILITIES

Many Students Turned Away; Sees Greater Inadequacy After War

Lack of facilities at Penn State College prevents many Pennsylvania residents from taking advantage of the educational program offered by the college, Dr. Ralph Donn Hetzel, its president, asserted last Thursday night at a dinner meeting of the Harrisburg Alumni Club at the West Shore Country Club.

Pointing out that more than three out of every five applicants for admission to the college now are being rejected because of this lack of adequate facilities, the genial president was fearful that the needs of returning service men could not be met in the near future.

Physical equipment of the institution is worth \$22,500,000, he said, but more housing and physical equipment is needed if the State's residents are to be accommodated.

John M. McKee, chairman of the Pennsylvania Milk Control Commission, saw the invitation, and William K. Rice, president of the Harrisburg Alumni Club, welcomed the 100 guests.

Among those present were W. Stewart Taylor, Vance C. McCormick, William Tiffany, Richard Matze, State Secretary of Mines, all trustees of the college, and Congressman John C. Kunkel and State Senator George N. Wade.

2 County Men Lose Lives; 4 Wounded

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he had almost completed his required number of missions.

Following his graduation from the State College High School in 1941, Lt. Lower was employed by John Henzley of State College. At the time of induction into the service he worked for the McFeely Brick Company of Port Matilda. In February of this year he was married to Miss Jane Hanscom, who is residing with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Richard Hanscom, of South Pugh street, State College.

In addition to his wife and parents, Lt. Lower is survived by four brothers. They are: Robert Lower, of Ellwood City; William Lower, who was recently inducted into the U. S. Army, and Carl and Eugene, both at home.

Pvt. Leroy Fritz Dies

Pvt. Leroy Fritz, 28, who for more than 5 years before entering the service had been employed in the Bellefonte area, died somewhere in France on November 5, according to a War Department message received Saturday by James E. Walters, of Coleville, by whom Pvt. Fritz was employed in the drayage and hauling business locally at the time of entering the service.

Pvt. Fritz, a native of Reading, was called into service in October 1942, and from New Cumberland was sent to Camp Forrest, Tenn. After undergoing training there for a year he was transferred to Camp Phillips, Kansas, and subsequently was on maneuvers in Arizona.

In May of this year he was sent to Camp Dix, N. J., and in June went overseas.

At the time of his death he was serving with a Field Artillery unit of the Third Army under the Command of Lt. General George Patton. The soldier came to Centre County in about 1938. The War Department message did not indicate whether he had died of wounds, or as the result of illness.

Mr. Walters recently received two letters from Pvt. Fritz, written early in November. In the letters he reported that he was well and in good health.

Pfc. Stover Wounded

In a War Department message received Friday, Mr. and Mrs. John Stover of Nigh Bank, near the Bellefonte airport, were informed that their son, Pfc. John F. Stover, was seriously wounded in Italy on November 1.

The message, which gave no indication as to the nature of his wounds, added that he is in a hospital.

Pfc. Stover was a member of former Battery B, Field Artillery, Bellefonte, and left with that group in February 1941 for training at Camp Shelby, Miss. He accompanied the unit to Camp Sutton, N. C., and while there met and married the former Armeta Isenhour, of Charlotte, N. C., who has been living at the Stover home here during her husband's absence.

In July, 1942, two weeks after his marriage, Pfc. Stover was sent to an embarkation port in New Jersey and from there sailed for overseas duty, landing in North Ireland in September, 1942.

While there he was transferred to an infantry unit and was sent to North Africa where he remained until being sent into Italy about two months ago.

Pfc. Stover attended the Fishing Creek school and was employed by Whiteoak Quarries before entering the service. He is a grandson of Mrs. Margaret Fry, of Milesburg.

Pvt. Ludwig Wounded

Pvt. John David Ludwig, 26, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Ludwig, of Clarence, was slightly wounded in action on the island of Leyte in the Central Philippines on October 26. It was disclosed Friday in a War Department telegram received by his parents.

The Clarence soldier, who was serving in the Field Artillery, was called for service December 29, 1942, and from New Cumberland went to Camp Hale, Colo., for preliminary training. From there he was sent to Fort Bliss, Texas, and later to San Francisco, Calif., from where he left for the Pacific war theater in July of last year.

Pvt. Ludwig attended the Clarence schools and was employed four years at the Cherry Run coal mine at Clarence before entering service. He has a brother, Pfc. Albert Ludwig, who is now with the armed forces in Holland.

Seaman Geulich Wounded

Mrs. P. A. U. Geulich, Phillipsburg, has received word from the War Department that her son, Robert G. Geulich, Ph. M. 3/c, USN, has been wounded in the service of his country.

"Bob" has been in the Navy one and a half years and is now located in the South Pacific.

Two brothers are serving in the Pacific, two in France and one in Alabama.

Pvt. Scott Dies of Wounds

Pvt. Robert G. Scott, 31, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Scott, of Morrisdale, died in a hospital in France October 22 of wounds received in the war theatre of Holland, according to word sent by the War Department to his wife who lives near Allport.

On October 16th word came to the family members from the War Department that Pvt. Scott had been seriously wounded, followed three weeks later with announcement of his death.

The young soldier was born at Clearfield, Clearfield county, May 23, 1913, and in 1936 married Annie Beatty, of Allport. Surviving along with his wife and parents are a daughter, Jean, aged seven years, and three sisters and five brothers, namely:

Miss Isabel Scott and Mrs. Philip Hatler, of Painted Post, N. Y.; Jack, at home; Harry, of Allport; Jean, Dick, James and Don, all at home.

Pvt. Scott, before enlisting in the U. S. Army on November 8, 1943, worked in a defense plant at Buffalo, N. Y. He received his basic training at Camp Wheeler, Ga., in the infantry. In August, 1944, he sailed from New York for the European theatre of war. He was transferred to the engineer corps with Company C, 33rd Armored Engineer Branch.

Pvt. Scott was a graduate of Morris Township High School.

Soldiers Withheld Fire to Save Lives

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just flew by, overlooking our positions and our big guns kept booming shells into their lines.

"I was hit a few days later by a fragment from a shell," he said. "I'm feeling fine now thanks to the excellent medical treatment I've received."

"His condition is very good," said his ward surgeon, Major Charles A. Neill of Laurel, Mississippi.

Pvt. Nelson entered the Army in July, 1942. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nelson, reside at 222 East Lamb street, Bellefonte.

Drama Section Hears Reading of Play

Reading of a three-act play "The First Mrs. Frazier," featured a meeting of the Bellefonte Drama Section at the home of Mrs. Philip Wion, on East Bishop street, last Wednesday night. The play was read by

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