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Jesse ADLER Looks at the NEWS

GOEBBEL'S theme for the week: "Americans Gobble Up Turkey."

SIGN in a Bronx restaurant last Thanksgiving Day: "No turkey. Take it on the lam if you don't like ham Scram if you won't eat lamb; But don't damn, it could be worse, we might serve Spam!"

IN some of the New York night clubs the management is auctioning off War Bonds by offering bottles of liquor as prizes. Sort of Bottled-in-Bond Rally, huh?

IN TOPAZ (Utah) nobody complained about the weather for a solid week because there was no weather to complain about—the city's thermometer was broken!

A GROUP of G. I.'s were on a tour of a captured city in Italy when the barker informed them "We are now passing a prominent Italian brewery." Passing it hell," the crowd shouted as they disappeared inside the "prominent brewery!"

A 10-year-old lad in Astoria, L. I., pulled a comic book out of an ash can and discovered an envelope containing $1150 in War Bonds. Comic-stripped out of $1150, huh?

PEAR HARBOUR (no we didn't spell it wrong, just read on) just joined the WACs in Los Angeles Pearl has a son and five brothers in the service.

THE Navy wolves refer to WAVES as Grable-bedded seamen.

PARADE reports that a New Yorker is thinking of buying the 42nd Street Station of the 3rd Ave Elevated Railroad and converting it into a pier for his Long Island Estate.

THE same writer tells of a Canadian who has an automatic clock turn on a light above a cage of canaries each morning; whereupon the birds wake up, sing and thus wake up their slumbering mistress. I still prefer an alarm clock, who wants to be awakened every morning with the bird?

THE head of a firm who made a specialty of cashing checks in New York just was sentenced to prison for doing business without a banking license. Keep this clipping in your hat for the next time anybody asks you to cash a check.

THE Dutch have a moveable bathtub service, traveling on wheels so that refugees can bathe. Hello, operator, will you please call me when this bathtub stops at Lake Placid!

INCIDENTAL Intelligence: Because General MacArthur used to dig his own private fox holes in New Guinea, the lads who served under him there refer to him as "Doug Dug."

A RADIO celebrity asked his gal friend to share his lot. "What size is it?" she inquired.

THEY'RE saying of a certain Hollywood producer who has a Lincoln complex, that "he was born in a log cabin on Delancy street."

FOOTNOTE: 73-year-old Bill Mulligan of Texas has worn only two pairs of shoes in 15 years. His secret of sockless; "I never wear socks."

THE Nazis, as they retreat, leave hundreds of goats behind them. Probably the only reason the goats are still living is that they're the only things alive that could buck the Fuehrer and not be purged.

EVANGELIST

Rev. R. C. Dettmer

A series of revival meetings will be held each evening from November 27 through December 10, at the Highland Pilgrim church, with Rev. R. C. Dettmer, pastor of the Beech Creek church as the speaker each evening. Services will begin at 7:45 p. m.

Miss Elaine Hamilton will direct music and special numbers. A hearty welcome is extended to all.

The revival messages will help you find God's blessing for your life and encourage you in the Lord and make your life a greater blessing to others.

Entertained on Sunday

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Kline of Howard, served a 17-pound wild turkey with all the trimmings to the following guests: Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Shope and son Paul, Paul E. Shope, F 1/c, who is on the USS Philadelphia, and Dick McCloskey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert McCloskey, of Howard, who served 29 months in New Guinea and is home on a 21 day furlough; Charles I. Heverly and son Junior. It was a matter of regret to Mr. and Mrs. Kline that M/Sgt. Harold J. Kline, who is somewhere in England with the 8th Air Force, could not be with them. The following guests visited Sunday afternoon: Mrs. Wilda Salsbury and daughter Jane, and Miss Williams, of Blanchard.

John Garner is 76

John Nance Garner was 76 years old last Wednesday. The former vice president of the United States has been living quietly at Uvalde, Texas, since Jan. 20, 1941.

Sister of Spring Mills Woman Is Fatally Burned When Coal Stove Explodes

Mrs. Gertrude Peterson of Bellwood Dies In Altoona Hospital, The Victim of An Unfortunate Accident

Burns that covered almost her entire body caused the death of Mrs. Gertrude Peterson, 47, of Bellwood, Friday afternoon at 2:32 p. m. in the Altoona hospital. She had been admitted at 10:40 a. m., shortly after being terribly burned when her clothes caught fire from an exploding stove.

Miss Catherine Peterson, 24, her only daughter, who was burned about both hands and arms, when she tried to beat out the flames which enveloped her mother, was admitted to the hospital Friday morning but was discharged in the afternoon.

The Petersons occupied one-half of a double two-story frame dwelling on North Fifth street. Mrs. Peterson was engaged in fixing the room stove, when it exploded, live coals and flames enveloping her dress. She called to her daughter for help and the latter was burned in aiding her mother.

Flames quickly spread through the home which was badly damaged and all the furniture and furnishings were destroyed. The other half of the home, occupied by the R. J. Love family, was not damaged.

John H. Peterson, husband of the victim, is employed as a trackman on the Middle division of the PRR and reached his wife's bedside shortly after 11 o'clock.

Mrs. Peterson, who was Miss Gertrude Hammond prior to her marriage, is survived by her husband, one daughter and three sons, including: Catherine, at home; Rev. Robert Peterson, of the United Brethren faith and located in Huntingdon county; Clair Peterson, Tyrone, and Corp. Leonard Peterson, U. S. Army and stationed in France.

Mrs. Peterson is also survived by her stepfather and mother, Rev. and Mrs. J. McHenry, of Huntingdon county, the former pastor of a United Brethren church there.

Also surviving are two sisters and one brother, Mrs. Esther Rogers, Tyrone; Margaret, Spring Mills, and a brother residing in Butler.

CANTATE SCHEDULED AT PLEASANT GAP CHURCH

The annual Christmas cantata by the choir of St. Mark's Lutheran church at Pleasant Gap will be given on Sunday evening, December 24, at 7:45 in the church auditorium. The title of this year's cantata is "The Child of Bethlehem," by Louise E. Stairs.

A more detailed announcement including the program will be published at a later date.

All members and friends of St. Mark's church as well as other interested people are cordially invited to attend.

Blowout Causes Injuries to Two

Car Uproots Several Posts and Strikes Tree Near Greenwood

Three persons narrowly escaped death Saturday night at 9 o'clock when their car was completely demolished after leaving the highway at Greenwood. Blair county, as a back tire blew out.

Raymond Dearmet, R. D. 3, was admitted to Mercy hospital, Altoona, having suffered a deep laceration below and behind the right ear, a part of the lobe of the ear being amputated; a deep gash which extended through the lip and cuts on the chin and cheek. Eight stitches were used to close the wound near his ear, five for his lip and three on his chin.

Harry Worley, Dearmet's uncle, who was also a passenger in the car and owner of the vehicle, residing at the same address as his nephew, suffered abrasions of the right arm and chin and a puncture wound beneath his right knee.

Elwood Rutledge, 21, of R. D. 3, Greenwood, was driving the car at the time of the accident and escaped injury.

Rutledge reported that the car swerved off the highway when a rear tire blew out. The state police officer said the car hit a number of boxes that had been placed on poles, unrooted several posts, and continued about 200 feet before swerving off the highway. The car then struck a tree.

Young Workers Urged To Care for Cards

High school boys and girls who have been working in business or industrial jobs during the summer are urged by John D. Teasdale, manager of the Williamsport office of the Social Security Board, to take care of their social security account number cards.

"Students will need their cards again when they take other jobs during the holidays, during next vacation, and throughout life," Mr. Teasdale said. "The card is the key to an insurance policy with Uncle Sam, and one number should be used by every worker throughout life. Wage credits, on which future benefits will be based, are posted to each worker's individual ledger sheet under both his name and number since many people may have the same name but no two can have the same social security number. More than one number may cause some loss of the wage credits. And it's patriotic to take care of the card. Thirteen bullets could be bought for the cost of issuing a duplicate."

Driver of Car Held After Accident

Miss Kathryn Heaton, 17, of Mill Hall, R. D. 1, suffered a laceration of the chin early last Sunday morning when a car in which she was riding, operated by William E. Heverly, of Howard, R. D. 1, figured in an accident on Route 220, a mile west of Mill Hall.

As a result of the accident, State Police said they will charge Mr. Heverly with reckless driving. An information to that effect will be filed with Justice of the Peace A. S. Cross, of Mill Hall.

According to the report, Heverly was driving east on Route 220, following a car operated by James W. Delaney, of Mill Hall, R. D. 1, and the Heverly machine crashed into the rear of the Delaney automobile. Miss Heaton, riding on the front seat of the Heverly car, was injured when she was thrown against the windshield.

Beech Creek Home Quarantined

The home of J. Allen Heimer, Beech Creek, R. D., is quarantined for scarlet fever. The patients are their daughter, Beverly Heimer, and Mrs. Heimer's son, Eldon Gummo. The three children in the family all had chicken pox three weeks ago from which they are convalescing.

Bellwood Worker Dies of Injuries

Victim Struck by Piece of Angle Bar in Fourth Street Shop

Charles Brunner, 29, of Bellwood, the father of three small children, was fatally injured last Wednesday evening while at work in the Fourth street shops of the Pennsylvania railroad at Altoona. He died after being admitted to the Altoona hospital.

Mr. Brunner suffered head injuries when struck by a piece of angle iron.

He was united in marriage with Helen Virginia Shay, daughter of Mrs. W. H. Grove, Juniata, and three children were born to the union.

He is survived by his wife and the following children: Dorothy Jane, 5; James, 4; and Connie Lou, 14 months. He is also survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Brunner.

Inspirational Film Coming To Plaza

"Inside France," World In Action's current release, which will be shown at the Plaza theatre on November 30th and December 1st and 2nd, is the first film to go behind the scenes in fighting France to explain France to her Allies, and to show how the French people are preparing to meet the demands of a peacetime world.

Pattern for reconstruction in postwar Europe, France, as these films reveal, is still champion of the rights of the individual man, of "Liberty, Equality and Fraternity," for which she fought through four years of oppression with the combined forces of the Fighting French, the Maquis and the Underground.

"Inside France," in films many of which have never been released before, reveals the basic causes of the divisions within France, traces the great cultural and political contributions of a country to which the democracies of the world owe much, and shows how the liberation of France is the first step in restoring her as a vital link in the great Atlantic system of defenses, guaranteeing the future safety of the Western world.

Released through United Artists, "Inside France" was produced by the National Film Board of Canada, and edited with commentary by Stuart Legg.

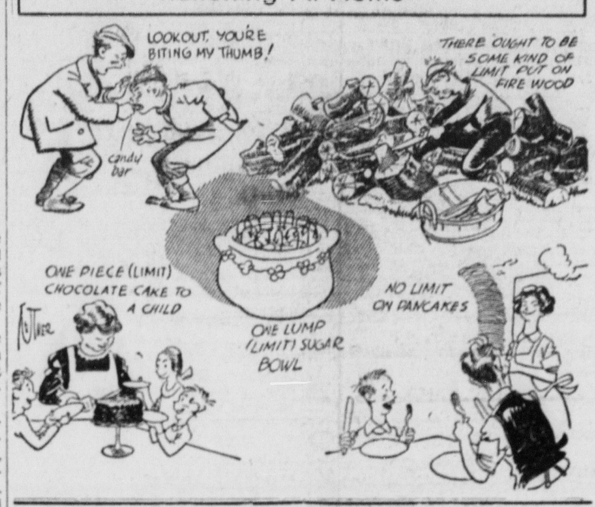
Families Enjoy Wild Turkey Feast

One of the lucky hunters of Julian to get his turkey the first day was Thomas Hogancamp, who got a 15-pound turkey. Among the ones to help Tommy eat his turkey was his three daughters and their families, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Corl and sons Earl, Allan and Neil, Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Beatty and daughter Shirley, and Mrs. George E. Barton and son Larry, whose husband is serving in the Navy in the Southwest Pacific.

Girl for Kellers

A daughter was born Friday at the Lock Haven Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Keller, Howard, R. D. 2.

Rationing At Home



Six Months For Theft of Whiskey

Clyde Rachau Sentenced For Railroad Robbery at Antes Fort

Six months in jail, the costs and $200 fine was the sentence given Clyde Rachau, 36, Pine Station, Lycoming county, by Judge D. M. Larrabee, Wednesday after the young man had been found guilty by a jury of burglary.

It was alleged the defendant and John G. Confer, Antes Fort, broke into the Pennsylvania Railroad station at Antes Fort on Oct. 17 and stole a 50-gallon barrel of liquor valued at $800. Confer previously entered a plea of guilty to the charge but has not been sentenced.

The whiskey barrel fell from a freight car and was stored in the station pending delivery. The barrel was removed from the station in a truck and hauled to a wooded section near Pine Station and secreted there. Rachau denied the charge and attempted to prove an alibi.

Judge Larrabee stated in passing sentence that the only mitigating circumstance in the case was that the whiskey was recovered with only a small amount missing. The defendant's record was also reviewed in court.

Three Killed In Army Plane Crash

Huge Craft Explodes With Terrific Blast Near Martinsburg

Three army men were instantly killed when their plane crashed in a field about one mile east of the Martinsburg airport Sunday night about 6:55 o'clock.

Pending reports from a crew dispatched to the scene from the Middletown air service command, officials were withholding details of the accident. Identity of those in the plane will not be released until the nearest of kin have been notified.

The explosion was so terrific at the crash that it was heard as far as 15 miles away, and causing windows to rattle all over Martinsburg and one man who was sitting at the dinner table about 200 feet from the scene of the accident was blown from the table.

The plane crashed in a sod field of Aaron Hoover about one mile northeast of the Martinsburg air-

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State College Couple Injured In Wreck

Prof. and Mrs. Frank D. Gardner of State College, were slightly injured in the wreck of a passenger train, bound from New York to Miami, Fla., Saturday morning, November 18, between Hortense and O'Neal, Ga., about 79 miles north of Jacksonville, it was learned in State College.

Mrs. Gardner, who was thrown out of the diner window, miraculously escaped with bad bruises, and Mr. Gardner is believed to have suffered broken ribs. X-rays were to have been taken.

Mr. and Mrs. Gardner were en route to Orlando, Fla., to visit their son, Dr. F. E. Gardner. They continued their journey and it was said that Mr. Gardner was able to eat his dinner on Sunday when he celebrated his 80th birthday anniversary.

War Bond Booths Report $388.85 Sales

Sales in the War Bond booths at the Murphy Store and in the Plaza theatre last week totaled $388.85, it was reported by officials.

At the Murphy Store booth, with Mrs. Harrison G. Kline, Mrs. Nora Ebeling, Mrs. J. I. Schlegel and Mrs. Franklin Pennington, in charge, sales for the week were $54.35 in stamps and $56.25 in bonds.

Sales at the Plaza booth were $90.75 in stamps, and $187.50 in bonds. Those in charge of the booth were Mrs. John Covey, Mrs. Hays Mattern, Mrs. J. A. Robinson, Miss Louise McClure, Mrs. Paul Dubbs, Mrs. A. J. Caldwell, Mrs. Marian Barnhart, Miss Helen Beezer, Miss Geraldine Noonan, Mrs. Jacob Friedman, Miss Rose Haupt, Phyllis Gross and Mary Edith Daly.

Civil War Veteran Has 102 Birthdays

Father of State College Woman One of Few Surviving Vets

Cyrus Walker, father of Mrs. Fred Merkle of State College, with whom he spends most of his time, on last Thursday, Thanksgiving Day, celebrated his 102nd birthday. Mr. Walker, a native of Clintondale, is now visiting his daughter, Mrs. John L. Wolfe, in Jersey Shore.

He is probably the only Civil War veteran yet living in this part of the state, and one of a very few in the United States. His army career was served with General Grant in the Army of the West, and he participated in the battles of Chickamauga, Chatanooga and Murfeesboro. He served in the Seventh Division of the Pennsylvania Cavalry, Company E. In cavalry charges he had horses shot out from under him, but was never wounded.

In relating tales of his experiences in the war, Mr. Walker has often remarked that there was some friendliness between the Northern and Southern troops, none of whom had provoked the fight, and that they used to visit back and forth across the rivers when encamped there at night. He also said he often felt sorry for the soldiers of the Confederacy, for toward the close of the war they were so hungry. Many of them had sore mouths from eating parched corn, sometimes their only food.

He has attended two reunions of the veterans of that war, the 50th and the 75th anniversaries of the Battle of Gettysburg which were held on the old battlefield. On the latter occasion, which was in 1938, when he was 96, there were 1400 Northern and 1100 Confederate soldiers who reminisced around the campfires, and on that occasion the "Eternal Light," a symbol of unity and perpetual peace in the nation, was dedicated.

Mr. Walker still remembers casting his first vote and it also was during the war, when he voted for General George B. McClellan, who opposed Lincoln for a second term.

For a time after the war was ended he resided in Kansas, later returning to his native home and former friends at Clintondale, Clinton county. His mother was a real daughter of the Revolution, being a daughter of Col. Henry Myer, an officer in that war.

He was married to Miss Lucetta DeHaas, who died many years ago. To them were born three daughters: Mrs. Wolfe, Mrs. Fred Merkle, of State College, and Mrs. G. E. Swartz of Detroit and St. Petersburg.

Mr. Walker's memory is good and he is able to converse with accuracy on the past events of his life. He is quite agile for his years and until two weeks ago, when he tripped and fell at Mrs. Wolfe's home, was able to walk down the street and back, or to the barber shop. He spends some of his time playing solitaire, and though his hearing is impaired he reads the newspapers without the aid of glasses. He is up and around once every day since his fall.

Mr. Walker points out that he has never lost any time worrying nor lost sleep over things that couldn't be helped. That is the only reason he gives for the borrowed time he enjoys beyond the normal three score years and ten.

Victory Club Hears Address On Birds

The Victory Club of the Centre County Hospital met last week at the Nurses' Home.

Miss Mary Underwood of Bellefonte, gave an interesting talk on birds native to Centre county. Miss Evelyn Hollabaugh, also of Bellefonte, played several piano selections.

During the business meeting nominations of officers were held and plans for a Christmas party to be held at the Nurses' Home December 18, were made. Refreshments in keeping with the Thanksgiving season were served.

The following were present: the Misses Sarah Markle, Sara Adams, Janette Garbrick, Pearl Houtz, Virginia Bertram, Sara Deitrick, Theressa Fye, Kathryn Coble, Betty Hollabaugh, Mrs. Grace Lamborn, Mrs. Mattie Watts, Mrs. Grace Kunes, Mrs. Mary Beezer, Mrs. Margaret Williams, and Mrs. Hazel Barnes.

—Buy More War Bonds to help speed Victory!

Veteran County Gunsmith Discusses Last Visit Of Wild Pigeons in Valley

William Gilbert of Wolf's Store, Says Date Was 1882; Flew Over Brush Valley By Millions at One Time

By Henry W. Shoemaker
in Altoona Tribune

Seated by the glowing forge, in his cozy gunshop at Wolfe's store, Centre county, while November wild blasts howled about the eaves, William Gilbert, old-time gunsmith, blacksmith, hunter, and trapper, reminisced delightfully on olden days, when great forests existed, and game was plentiful "because it had plenty to eat."

"I was born on December 9, 1872," said Mr. Gilbert, "and my first enthusiasm was for Hen. Moser, the master gunsmith, whose shop was several miles east of here, near Stover's, where the old hunter, 'Bill' Snook, now lives; in fact mine was the same enthusiasm that Rudy Weidhope inspired in Rudy Vallee, making him a fine musician. I never studied under 'Uncle Henry,' as we called him, only watched him, as my inspiration. He could produce any kind of weapon quickly and flawlessly. I picked up the gunsmith's art, at least well enough to turn out, all handmade in my shop, rifles, shotguns, revolvers and pistols as well as hunting knives of tempered steel. Nothing was like Moser made. He was the master, and head of his art in Centre county for 30 years. I made my own gun-making tools, but they mostly went up in smoke when my shop, with the deer antlers over the door, was consumed by fire in 1925. As to Moser's tools, possibly odd pieces may be in his former home, now occupied by Mr. Snook, in the attics or toolhouses. Perhaps, it would warrant a search. I believe 'Bill' would co-operate fully. When Capt. J. G. W. Dillin brings out his new edition of his definitive work on Pennsylvania rifles he should devote a chapter to Hen. Moser, who had few masters in tempered steel, even in Toledo, Spain.

"A wholesale answer to game disappearance due to food shortage is the case of the wild pigeons, which flew over Brush Valley by the millions when I was a small child. As the beech forests were destroyed, the 'mast' of which was their principle food, their numbers fell sharply, until by 1882 only small flocks appeared; by 1883 they were gone altogether, at least hereabouts. When they crossed the valley, northward in spring, and southward in the fall, they were so numerous they shut out the sun when passing. Old-timers set out nets in the fields, and they were captured by hundreds of dozens; in my day the pigeons had become so scarce the

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Aged Beech Creek Woman Is Killed

Struck By Fast Freight as She Crossed Tracks Near Her Home

Mrs. Eva Renninger, 82, of Beech Creek township, was killed by a fast freight near her home Saturday afternoon while walking from one brother's home to visit another brother.

Mrs. Renninger apparently was unaware of the train's approach, and walked directly in front of it, receiving the full impact. Her body was dragged along the tracks for some distance, according to Roy C. Miller, district fire warden, who witnessed the accident.

The train, a double-engine freight with a pusher behind, was traveling west and Mrs. Renninger was struck from the side opposite that

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WIFE OF AME PASTOR SPEAKS AT CLUB MEETING

The November meeting of the American Home section of the Bellefonte Woman's Club was held recently at the home of Mrs. Charles Thompson, with Mrs. R. C. Blaney as co-hostess.

Mrs. H. D. Lowber, wife of the pastor of the local A. M. E. church, gave an interesting talk on "The Improvements in the Home of the American Negro." Mrs. Lowber described the furnishings of a humble home of about sixty years ago in the state of Delaware, and told of the customs of the people of that time, pointing out that the Negro in those days did not vie with each other in their possessions but were content with the things they had.

As the Negro was given greater opportunities of employment, their economic conditions improved, consequently their homes showed equal improvement in household conveniences and furnishings. At the conclusion of her talk, a general discussion of the American Negro was held.

The next meeting will be held December 18 at 12:30 at the home of Mrs. Robert Eckenrode, with Mrs. Harry Meyer, co-hostess. A covered dish luncheon was planned, to be followed by a Christmas party. Each member is to bring a 25c gift for exchange.

Girl, 11, Painfully Burned by Hot Lard

Jean Watson, aged 11, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Watson, of Bellefonte, R. D. 3, was admitted to the Centre County Hospital late on Thanksgiving Day to receive treatment for severe burns suffered in an accident.

The girl was aiding in butchering when she ran against a can of hot lard, which had been set aside to cool. The hot liquid spilled over her arms, chest and hips, inflicting painful burns. She is reported to be recovering steadily at the hospital.

Nomination Approved

Nomination of Clay E. Houck as postmaster of Warriors Mark has been approved by the Senate, according to an Associated Press dispatch from Washington.

27 Employes Killed

Governor Martin told a press conference Wednesday that 27 of the 7,000 state employes serving in the armed forces have died in action.

Shoot off Tree Limbs for Litter

Hunters Have Task in Carrying Wounded Companion From Woods

With one member of their hunting party lying in a rocky ravine with a broken leg and without equipment to fashion a stretcher on which to carry him about a mile through the wood to their car, four Lycoming county men shot down a couple of small trees and then used their coats to form a sling on which they transported the injured man.

The victim was Leon Fritz, Linden, and the other members of the party were John H. Bender, Harold Farringer, George Bastian and Arthur Hecknauer, all of Williamsport. They were hunting near Canton on Armistice Day and had bagged one rabbit and were working towards another when the accident happened.

Mr. Fritz was following his dog and was walking across a rock-filled ravine when he slipped from the log and fell about five feet on the rocks. His absence was not noted immediately and Mr. Fritz, because of his injury, was unable to move.

Without an axe or other implement to cut off poles strong enough to support the injured man, who weighs more than 200 pounds, the men resorted to turning their guns on some small trees and shot them down. In trying to carry Mr. Fritz up the ravine they found it necessary to take off their belts and strap him to the stretcher, because he kept sliding off. It required about two and one-half hours to move him from the scene of the accident to the car. During the early stages of the trip he perspired freely and then began to suffer from cold as his travel became less painful. It was feared at first that pneumonia might result, but several cups of hot coffee after he arrived at the car served to keep him warm until he arrived at the Williamsport hospital for treatment.

Random Items

MISSED IT:

This department walked past the scene of Sunday night's assault on Willowbank street about an hour after it happened. We noticed a group of four men standing near where the attack took place. We saw a little knot of women standing on a nearby porch, and the porch light was on. We sort of felt that something was going on, but when we decided to risk asking the women on the porch, we thought to ourselves: "You'd seem a little silly, wouldn't you, if you found they were just saying goodnight to some guests?" And so, because we were afraid of getting out our reportorial neck we went home and to bed. Next morning we found out about the attack.

OPPOSITION:

The parking meter question here is not closed. It is reported that at a meeting of Council scheduled for Monday, December 6, the Chamber of Commerce will present a letter asking that free parking throughout town be granted during the two weeks prior to Christmas. This custom is being followed in many other towns where meters are in use. Personally, we'd like to see every other parking meter in town plowed under forever and ever.

FREE SPEECH:

Sometimes we wonder whether the makers of the Constitution were entirely right in granting everyone the right of free speech. The good patriots of that day certainly couldn't have forseen the radio of 1944, or they'd have tread with caution. They couldn't have known, for example, that in 1944 a man would get up before a microphone and chant in a Boy-Oh-Boy voice, "Joe's old-fashioned birch beer." "Joe's old-fashioned birch beer," while beating a piece of wood with a stick to keep time to himself. There are scores of other vocal inanities that no circus-barker, bold as he might be, would be caught uttering or dinging on a circus grounds.

GOSSIP:

What prominent State College official is looking to 1947 with an eye of becoming candidate for Sheriff of Centre county?

PREDICTION:

Maybe by the time you read this, the bloke who attempted to attack a local girl here Sunday night, will be behind bars. We hope so, for we fear he's a more dangerous person to be at large than was the man who terrorized the Centre-Clinton county areas with attacks on women before he was sent to prison several years ago.

QUIZ KID:

Lewistown has the makings of a marvel quiz kid, insofar as geography is concerned. He is Jewels Shaffer, who will be three years old on January 5. Jewels and his parents occasionally come to Bellefonte, and he's been put through his paces several times at the White Drug Store, to the amazement of those who witnessed these performances. You furnish him with a globe and then sit back and ask him questions as to the location of countries, states, rivers and other geographical facts. Unerringly and unhesitatingly he points out the places mentioned. He can't be tricked or cajoled into giving a wrong answer, spectators say, and the performance leaves most people gasping.

SUGGESTION:

One of the easiest ways to quit smoking cigarettes, we find, is not to smoke until you can buy a pack.

The head of the house is often a matter of argument.

CENTRE HALL MAN CITED AS FOREMOST WAR WORKER

Pennsylvania's Number 1 war worker, from a nutritional point of view, lives in Centre Hall.

He is Robert L. Rhoads, who has been named "Mr. Pennsylvania Warworker" by a committee of war services of the Pennsylvania State Council of Defense.

For the past 11 years he has worked at the Titan Metal Manufacturing Company in Bellefonte as a tool maker. He is understandingly proud of his company, which is making metal parts for the Army and Navy Ordnance Departments, and he's also pleased with the award of Army and Navy E's which he and his fellow workers have earned for the county's major war plant.

An active participant in civic affairs, he is chairman of the Civilian Defense Council of Centre Hall borough and of Gregg and Potter townships.

He is scoutmaster of Troop 20, Centre Hall, a member of the Centre county district ration boards, president of the Centre County Christian Endeavor Association, and a member of the transportation committee of the Titan Metal Manufacturing Company.

Mrs. Rhoads is active in Red Cross work, and has assisted her husband as director of the Infantile Paralysis drive in Centre Hall. They have three children, Shirley, 11; Robert, Jr., 9, and William, 6.

Shirley has won 10 first prize ribbons for singing at State Grange

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