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Jesse ADLER Looks at the NEWS

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Altoona Historian Finds Interesting Subject In Our Men Of Daniel Boone

Rebersburg Brothers Called Upon to Reminiscence on Hunting in Bygone Days. Retain Love of Outdoor Life

By Henry W. Shoemaker in Altoona Tribune

Seated in the lobby of the snug Rebersburg hotel of which Charles Boone is the capable landlord, the Boone brothers, Charles and James, the latter to observe his eightieth birthday on November 29, reminisced delightfully of days which would have gladdened the heart of their pioneering ancestor, the great hunter of Kentucky.

family were known on Marsh creek as intrepid hunters and trappers, very specialized on wolves and panthers, and killed many of those fierce predators. We turned one of the Lucas properties in my early days. Those were the times when the migrating wild pigeons darkened the sun with their millions. All of Marsh creek did nothing else to speak of but kill pigeons during their flights. If every locally destroyed as many as the Marsh creek hunters, little wonder these noble birds are now so scarce. We used the breasts of the old birds, and pickled the squabs, living well on these choice delicacies all winter long. The women folk plucked the feathers for pillow cases and bed ticks, and we slept dreamlessly in those happy, far-off days.

Aids County Blind

Miss Helen McCloskey

Miss Helen McCloskey, whose home is in Lock Haven, recently was appointed home instructor for adult blind in Centre, Lycoming, Clinton, Snyder, and Union counties, and is now aiding this county's 150 blind and partially-sighted residents.

She is one of the 11 instructors, all blind or partially sighted, who are employed by the State Council of the Blind, Department of Welfare, to instruct Braille, the use of the writing board, handwork, and various other subjects.

Miss McCloskey is getting in touch with the blind in Centre county and has completed arrangements to give instructions to several of them. Instructions are given in the home with equipment provided by the State. Inquiries may be addressed to her at her home in Lock Haven.

Wm. SHERMANSKI of Buffalo, reports he runs his auto on acetylene. Probably sings torch songs too, huh?

CONTRARY to popular belief, Tokyo is no tinderbox town, the OWI reports. Sounds like a night club owner's defense!

JOIN the Sixth War Loan and help the Bonds tighter around the Nips and Nazis.

FIREMEN Called to William Brouse Home

Fire in a motor of a stoker at the William Brouse home on South Thomas Street resulted in a general alarm being sounded here about 11:45 a. m. Friday.

Both companies responded but upon their arrival at the home found that Mrs. Brouse had smothered the flames with carpets.

Mrs. Brouse discovered the fire while working in the kitchen when she investigated the source of smoke. She found the motor ablaze with flames traveling toward the cellar wall.

NEW TYPE Money Order To Be Issued By Postoffice

Postmaster General Walker announced that a contract was awarded for the manufacture of 100,000,000 Postal Notes and efforts are being made to place this new and inexpensive type of money order on sale at all of the 1975 First Class Postoffices by approximately January 1, 1945.

The Postal Note epitomizes what we are attempting to accomplish in the entire administration of the Postal Service," Mr. Walker said. "We want the Postal Service to be characterized by efficiency and economy. We want to incorporate in our service as many as possible of the extraordinary advances and improvements which have been realized in American business. And we want, while performing our work as efficiently as we know how to do it, to charge no more for a specific service than that service costs."

The new type of money order will be made available to the post office other than of the first class as rapidly as adequate stocks of Postal Notes come from the presses. However, from the beginning they may be cashed at any post office in the United States.

Eighteen denominations of stamps will be issued in connection with the Postal Notes. They are 1c, 2c, 3c, 4c, 5c, 6c, 7c, 8c, 9c, 10c, 20c, 30c, 40c, 50c, 60c, 70c, 80c, 90c. There will be eleven denominations of notes: 5, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80, 90, and \$1.

Mobilizing His Forces



Child, 3, Shoots His Grandmother

Woman Suffers Possible Fracture of Leg From Accident

A 3-year-old lad while playing with a rifle at his grandparents' home in Duncansville Monday evening shot his grandmother through the right leg. She was admitted to the Altoona hospital, having suffered a possible fracture of the leg.

Mrs. Laura Piper, 69, of Duncansville, while putting dinner on the table for her husband, was shot accidentally by her 3-year-old grandson, Clinton Piper, the .22-caliber bullet entering the right leg between the knee and ankle.

The little boy's mother said he had climbed to the cupboard and gotten the rifle down and the grandfather added that he apparently knocked a bullet to the floor when he got the rifle, for shortly before the shot was fired he said he heard something roll along the floor.

The gun had been placed where the adults of the family thought it was out of reach, and was unloaded. They said the child must have put the bullet in the gun.

Hunter Suffers Two Arm Wounds

Drops From Exhaustion While Attempting to Crawl For Assistance

Warren Noel, 33, of Ashville, employed in the PRR freight offices at Altoona, suffered gunshot wounds in both arms while hunting the first day of the big game season on the McCauley farm in Blair county.

Noel was found in a state of shock from loss of blood by a Mr. Wehrer of Mill Run, who called to his companions for help.

Noel had attempted to go for help and had crawled about one-half mile from the scene of the accident in the direction of a parked car and within 25 feet of it, had dropped over in exhaustion. A pool of blood was surrounding him when Wehrer came upon him.

The victim had suffered a gunshot wound of the right forearm, the pumpkin ball having entered below the elbow, tearing through the bone and flesh and coming out above the elbow. Noel remained conscious on the trip to Altoona hospital, having been a patient there twice in the past two years.

As they neared the hospital Noel began to complain of pain in the left arm and it was not discovered that he had two wounds until they began to examine him at the dispensary.

The second wound, which was round and clean, had entered below the collar bone on his left shoulder and ran a downward course, just the opposite of the wound in his right arm.

Reports on Sales at War Bond Booths

Total sales in the War Bond booth at the Murphy Store were \$3,260 in bonds and \$13,135 in stamps at the beginning of this week. It was announced by Mrs. Frank Daly, chairman of the bond booth committee.

Those who served at the Murphy booth last week were Mrs. Harrison G. Kline, Mrs. John Bryan, Mrs. Nora Ebeling, Mrs. Frank Pennington, Mrs. J. I. Schlegel and Mrs. James Haupt.

Sales at the Plaza theatre booth totaled \$172.75 in stamps and \$875.25 in bonds, with these persons serving at the booth last week: Mrs. Ross Buller, Mrs. Brooks Binns, Miss Betty Smith, Mrs. W. B. Moneill, Miss Louise McClure, Mrs. Evelyn Martin, Mrs. William C. Ferree, Mrs. A. Caldwell, Mrs. Marian Barnhart, Mrs. B. Ralph Sumner, Mrs. James Haupt, Mrs. W. W. Bickett, Mrs. Jacob Friedman, Miss Dorothy Gordon, Miss Rose Haupt and Miss Dolores Daly.

Titan Worker Injured

Francis Swanson, 59, of Drifting, underwent treatment at the Centre County Hospital dispensary, Saturday, for a deep laceration of the right thumb suffered while he was at work at the Titan Metal Company plant early that morning.

Engagement Announced

Mrs. Mary Labelle of Moshannon, has announced the engagement of her daughter, Miss Marjorie Cohen of Lock Haven, to Richard Dickey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dickey of Beech Creek. Both young people are employed at the Pennsylvania Women Wire Corporation plant in Lock Haven. The date for the wedding has not been announced.

Bellefonte Man Wins DeKalb Hybrid County Corn Growing Contest

Crop of 125.49 Bushels Per Acre Brings Championship Crown to Boyd A. Corl; Other Growers Had Big Yields

A crop of 125.49 bushels per acre won the corn growing championship of Centre county in the 1944 National DeKalb Hybrid Corn Growing Contest. It was learned this week Boyd A. Corl of Bellefonte, is the corn grower who made this outstanding yield in this locality in competition in which thousands of farmers from 18 principal corn producing states participated, according to officials of this biggest corn yield competition.

Mr. Corl and several other farmers in this county certainly produced more than their share of the nation's record crop of 3,258,378,000 bushels of corn in the food front battle. The champ's yield is several times that of the estimated average yield for the United States of 32.71 bushels.

The county winner's corn was grown from Hybrid No. 404A and his yield calculated from the best five acre tract of corn on his farm. In recognition of his achievement the winner is being presented with an appropriate plaque by the DeKalb Agricultural Association.

Other big yields recorded were made by: Earl M. Houck, Bellefonte, 101.50; John H. Koehler, Pennsylvania Furnace, 93.73; Calvin Shaver, Port Matilda, 81.88, and Harry E. Peters, Pennsylvania Furnace, 69.67.

Two Hurt in Clinton County Accidents

Willie Baumgardner of Grassflat, was admitted to the Lock Haven Hospital early Wednesday morning of last week after his car and a truck driven by Glenn A. Page collided on the highway between Mill Hill and Beech Creek, Baumgardner sustained a chest injury and cuts in his face. The latter was driving toward Lock Haven and Page was enroute to Beech Creek when the Grassflat man's car skidded on the slippery highway two miles west of Mill Hill.

Mrs. Ethel L. Emert of McElhattan, was treated for cuts at the Lock Haven Hospital and then taken to her home after her car was nearly demolished when she ran almost head-on, into H. A. Magg's car in front of his home on East Main street. Mrs. Emert was going home shortly after midnight when the accident occurred. She will be charged with reckless driving, police said.

Hunters Find U. S. Weather Chute

Discover Parachute Dangling From Top of Tall Oak Tree

When hunting grouse on Lock mountain opposite the power mill town of Horrell on Wednesday, Fred and Howard Pressler, brothers of Hollidaysburg, espied a pink object hanging from the top of a tall pin-oak tree on the mountain top, some distance away.

Upon going to the spot, they discovered a small parachute and balloon caught on the end of a limb, from which was dangling a long cord, to which was attached a small cord suspended a few inches from the ground. A well-directed shot cut the limb and the parachute and balloon fell to the ground.

The balloon, made of silk and rubber, is about three feet in diameter, and the parachute of a bright pink color, five feet wide. The cord that extends from the chute is very long, likely so that if the balloon and chute lodge in a tree the box will reach the ground.

Pasted on one side of the box or instrument, that weighs about a pound and is covered with waterproofed paper, is a label bearing the following directions: "Fragile, handle with care. Notice to finder: This instrument belongs to the U. S. government. A balloon was sent out by a U. S. weather bureau station, carried to a height of about 12 miles. The balloon burst and the instrument came down slowly on the parachute. While in the air the instrument acted as a radio broadcaster of the temperature, pressure and moisture of the air through which it passed. The instrument which it used again and for this reason one dollar will be paid for its return. By returning the instrument you are cooperating with your government. Thank you."

Another notice read, "Was released from the U. S. Department of Commerce, Weather Bureau, at Pittsburgh, Pa., April 20, 1944, at 11 p. m."

Although having been exposed to the weather for the past seven months, the parachute is in a good state of preservation, but the balloon is torn, twisted and faded. The instrument has two lids at the top, that when opened reveal a mass of wires, coils and other puzzling gadgets.

The finding of this instrument in the morning hours interfered with the day's hunt. The brothers, after shooting one grouse, came home with their find and gave it a thorough examination. Howard Pressler says that he saw the balloon and parachute on a previous hunt, but thought it was a piece of cloth carried there by the wind, and went on his way.

The instrument also contains instructions for the proper packing of it and it will be sent to the Pittsburgh weather bureau soon.

Engineer Suffers Burns

James S. Sims, of Altoona, test engineer for the Pennsylvania Edison Company, suffered first degree burns of the face and right hand from burning oil when a disruption of the company's lighting service occurred last Wednesday morning. The disruption was caused by a breakdown in generation operations in the equipment in the Williamsburg plant. The break in the service affected the entire system and resulted in a flooding of the company's telephone service.

Current mysteries: Puddings and hash.

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.

Ten Pass Drivers' Tests

Sixteen applicants for automobile drivers' license took the examination given by the Pleasant Gap Detail of State Police at Lock Haven last Wednesday. Six failed to pass the test. The new drivers are: Freda M. Long, Madisonburg; Mrs. Oran L. Stover, Aaronsburg; Thomas Bryerton, Lock Haven; Vivian Wheeler, Flemington; Lulu L. Duffield, Castanea; Kathleen M. Reading, Nesbit, R. D. 1; Bertha M. Palhamus, Salladasburg; Lee L. Corman, Beech Creek, R. D. 1; Mrs. Kenneth Welshans, Jersey Shore, R. D. and Anne E. Fisher, Salladasburg.

Recover Stolen Truck

A truck owned by Lloyd S. Booth, Millheim butcher, stolen from Millheim early last Sunday night or Monday morning, was found in Lewistown the following day by State Police. Police said a front spring of the light truck was broken, but otherwise the machine was undamaged.

Used Knife And Fountain Pen To Save Private's Life

German mortar shells were falling close, but an American rifleman was dying out there in the mud, so Pvt. Duane N. Kinman, a 19-year-old Medical Corps man from Washington, D. C., had to go after him.

Pvt. Kinman was busy binding up the chest wound of an infantry sergeant when he saw the dough-boy go down, clutching at his throat. It was plain that the infantryman's windpipe had been injured.

"Sorry to leave you, Sergeant," Pvt. Kinman told his patient, "but that guy won't last long without help."

Second Lieutenant Edwin M. Eberling, of Lincoln, Neb., saw the rifleman go down about the same time as Private Kinman did, so he crawled over to help. Lieutenant Eberling held the struggling soldier while Private Kinman whipped out his jackknife and prepared for an emergency operation on the spot.

The wounded man waved his arms in terrified protest, but Private Kinman went ahead with an operation that would be a delicate one under the best conditions.

"I don't like to do this, Mac, but it's the only way you're gonna live," he said.

Private Kinman needed a tube or wedge to insert into the wound to keep it open. Spotting a fountain pen in the soldier's pocket, he grabbed it.

Then, with machine guns chattering, and shells falling around him in the muddy field, and with the jackknife for a scalpel, he cut into the wounded man's throat.

He made a longitudinal incision one and one-half inches long in the man's windpipe below the fracture point. A lateral incision would have been fatal; so would the tiniest slip of the knife. But Private Kinman worked quickly and calmly, and he made the cut cleanly.

He slipped the rounded end of the infantryman's fountain pen into the incision to hold the cut open, telling the man:

"Now keep that pen in your windpipe, Mac, and you'll be O. K. You breathe through your nose or mouth, but if you keep the pen in the right place, you'll pull out of this alright."

In a few minutes the man was breathing better. Private Kinman and Lieutenant Eberling pulled him to his feet and walked him over to a tank, whose crew took him back to the battalion aid station.

The battalion surgeon, Captain Benjamin Seitzer, of Daytona Beach, Florida, couldn't believe his eyes when the soldier walked into the tent, supported by the medical aid man.

Doctors removed the pen and inserted a regulation tracheotomy tube and then asked Private Kinman how he did it. But Private Kinman only knew he had to do it or another American soldier would have died.

WAR EFFORT: Sometimes this corner marvels that the U. S. has gone as far as it has in winning the war, and wonders just what tremendous things this country could do if everyone, for a change, forgot politics and really got down to the job of promoting victory as speedily as possible. In public meetings for War Bond drives, in OPA campaigns, in defense activities—in fact in every move to get public cooperation behind the war effort, someone unflinchingly suggests that the thing is a sinister political plot and hints that it really is a waste of time. We would like, just once, for someone to peek behind the curtain at such a meeting and scream out that he saw—not a scheming Republican, not a plotting Democrat—but a thoroughly warlike Hitler, or Tojo with a bloody sword held between his teeth!

NOTE: To Sgt. Richard G. Miles, of Bellefonte, who is currently battling Germans in Belgium. When you get back here remind us to tell you why these boys sometimes are not as quick, frisky, and slightly libelous as you'd like them. We like the spic column ourselves, but everytime we catch ourselves about to call someone a blackguard in this space, we're reminded of that plaintive little song: "Don't Fence Me In."

HERE'S WHY: A man asked us the other day why we are opposed to parking meters as a source of borough revenue. We never believed that real estate owners should be required to pay most of the world's taxes, and by the same token we can't see why automobile owners should be saddled with more than their fair share of the tax burden. The fact is, however, that Bellefonte borough has been forced to find ways of increasing revenue, and parking meters looked like a good bet. Council's need for money is urgent and the reason for the need is exceedingly simple to understand. In 1924 the property valuation of the borough was \$1,948,737, and the tax millage, less a levy of 3 mills for poor purposes, was 25 mills, making a potential borough tax income of \$48,718. In 1943 the property valuation had dropped to \$1,939,655 and the borough tax rate was 13 mills. (The county now administers poor tax). The potential revenue to the borough last year therefore was \$25,207. See why Council needs money? Go a step further, and you'll begin to wonder why motorists, many of them out-of-towners, should be sacked for the difference.

HISTORY DEPT.: There was a time, back in 1940, when many a U. S. citizen wouldn't buy a new electric refrigerator unless it had a special little heated compartment in it to keep the butter at the right temperature for easy spreading. Four years later many of them were willing to swap the refrigerator for a pound of butter, and no questions asked.

CUPID DEPARTMENT: Plans are being made for a big wedding at Hecla Park pavilion, Thursday evening, December 21. According to reports, it will be a roller skate wedding, with bride, bridesroom attendants and guests all on roller skates. We're wondering whether the parson who ties the knot will glide in on skates. Anyhow, it looks like a big time.

SOME FUN! A Centre county seaman, just arrived in port after a 15-month stint of sea duty, wired his parents the other day. "In port. Had too much leave. Please wire \$100."

BUSINESS: Up until Saturday the office of Centre County Treasurer Edward R. Miller had issued only 870 hunting licenses. Before sporting goods stores and other establishments in the county were permitted to sell licenses some years ago, the County Treasurer's office was the only place where they could be purchased, and the annual sales averaged around 7,000. Since the fee retained by the issuing agent is ten cents a license, sale of hunting permits issued to give the

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