

Workman Saved From Death When Trapped In Huge Coal Chute

Heroic Action on Part of Master Mechanic at Lock Haven Industry is Successful In Effecting Rescue

How an employe was successful in rescuing a fellow-workman trapped in a huge coal chute, is told in the following articles appearing in last Wednesday's Lock Haven Express:

Clear thinking and prompt drastic action by Earl (Red) Mayes, master mechanic in charge of the mechanical crew of the American Aniline Products Inc., last evening saved the life of Perry Merryman, a workman at the plant.

Coal from freight cars is elevated by a chain bucket system into a coal silo standing 30 feet in the air. This coal runs out of the silo through a totally enclosed metal chute into a worm conveyor, which carries the coal into the boiler room stokers.

Due to freezing weather, considerable trouble has been experienced in getting the coal to flow into this chute, which is roughly 50 feet in diameter.

About 5 p. m. yesterday Merryman was standing on a platform inside the silo, poking coal down into the chute.

At 5:30, Philip Masorti went up to the top of the silo to see how Merryman was getting on when he heard someone shouting. Thinking that the shouting came from someone outside the silo, he came down to the ground. Being unable to find Merryman, he went up to the silo once more and then realized the noise he was hearing came from within the silo. The conveyors were promptly stopped and it was found that Merryman was underneath the coal in the silo.

Very fortunately, Mayes was doing some work in the boiler room at the time and with the aid of a few other men, he got down into the coal from the point where Merryman had disappeared, but fresh coal came falling down as fast as they removed it.

Centre County Hospital Notes

Monday of Last Week

Admitted: Mrs. Mollie Schechter, State College, and discharged the following day.

Births: A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Dean Meyer, Centre Hall, R. D. 1; twin children, a son and daughter, were born to Mr. and Mrs. David Hersholt, of Millersburg; a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Torsell, of Bellefonte.

Tuesday of Last Week

Admitted: Mrs. Irvin Knepp, Bellefonte, R. D. 1; Miss Ruth Detwiler, Lemont; Jake Bright, Bellefonte, R. D. 3.

Admitted Tuesday, discharged the following day: Rose E. Rudy, State College; Ray A. Rudy, State College; John Dobson, Bellefonte, R. D. 3; Kay Hoy, Bellefonte, R. D. 3; Ray Hoy, Bellefonte, R. D. 3.

Discharged: Freeman Vonada, of Howard, R. D. 2; Mrs. Walter L. Lucas and infant daughter, Bellefonte, R. D. 2.

Wednesday of Last Week

Admitted: Mrs. John B. White, of Centre Hall; Mrs. Howard Coleman, State College; Mrs. John Golden, Centre Hall; Wilber Meyers, Centre Hall.

Admitted Wednesday, discharged Saturday: Mrs. Harry Abramson, State College; Miss Lois Barnhart, Bellefonte.

Admitted Wednesday, discharged Thursday: Margaret Hartley, Millersburg.

Thursday of Last Week

Discharged: Charles Meyer, Lamer; Maxine Craft, Bellefonte; Mrs. Andrew House, and infant daughter, Bellefonte, R. D. 1.

Births: A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Howard Neff, of State College, R. D. 2; a daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Zerby, Spring Mills, R. D. 2; a daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Hillary W. Welshans, Sunbury.

Friday

Admitted: William Brachbill III, Bellefonte; Geraldine Holdeman, State College, R. D. 1.

Discharged: William Johnson, Bellefonte.

Saturday

Admitted: Larry Reed, Bellefonte; Mrs. Morton Hicks, Millersburg; Mrs. Robert K. Thomas, Bellefonte.

Discharged: Mrs. Paul L. Alters and infant son, Woodward; Mrs. Philip H. Benner and infant son, Bellefonte.

Births: A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. William H. Kellerman, Fleming; a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Stanley McClellin, of Centre Hall.

Sunday

Admitted: William Morrison, of Bellefonte; Mrs. Mary Bryant, Bellefonte, R. D. 3; Mrs. George Crawley, State College; Harvey Stewart, of Bellefonte.

Discharged: Miss Helen V. Camp, State College; Mrs. Ida Frazier, of Centre Hall; Mrs. Elizabeth Poits, State College.

Births: A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Kunes, Blanchard; a daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow W. Stover, of Julian, R. D.

There were 51 patients in the hospital at the beginning of this week.

New Year Resolutions



Eight Are Ill of Parrot Fever

Seek to Trace Lyeomg County Cases to Birds Bought at Store

Dr. Merl G. Colvin, Lyeomg county health officer, this week asked for return of 32 parrots purchased at a Williamsport department store on grounds they might have been responsible for eight cases of parrot fever.

Doctor Colvin said 16 of 48 birds known to have been bought at the store have been turned over to him and killed. In addition, six others at the store when the fever developed were killed and sent by air express to the University of California for tests to determine whether they carried the disease.

Meanwhile, the health officer described as serious the condition of four of the fever victims and said 10 days of high fever for that contagious disease.

One of the patients is being treated at a hospital. The homes of the others were quarantined.

Doctor Colvin said six of the eight patients were employes of the store.

Two Altoona R.R. Employes Killed

Freight Conductor and Brakeman Meet Death in Accidents

Two Altoona railroaders were killed last Wednesday afternoon and night, with no witnesses having been found in either instance.

Charles Frederick Osterle, Jr., 52, a lifelong resident of Juniata, died of a crushed skull as a result of an accident in the yard between 3:45 and 3:50 p. m. He was a brakeman in the yard.

Harry Thomas, 52, of Altoona, died of a crushed skull, in an accident that happened near Gallitzin about 8 p. m. Wednesday night. Thomas was a freight conductor, enroute to Altoona at the time of the accident.

Osterle was apparently crossing the yard from track No. 7 to the pickup when he was struck by cars going in No. 12.

Conductor Thomas was killed by his own train of 38 cars, the train having stopped at the signal tower for a running inspection.

Democrats Favor Aid to Teachers

Seek More State Aid to Relieve Real Estate Burden

Increased state aid for teachers salaries to reduce local real estate taxes forms a principal plank of the Democratic party's legislative program for 1945.

A committee of assembly and party leaders started whipping the program into shape for presentation at a party caucus this week.

A proposal was discussed at preliminary meetings to press payment by the state up to \$60,000,000 for the basic salaries of teachers. Local taxing bodies would be required to reduce real estate taxes to an amount equal to the increased state aid under the plan.

State records show teachers salaries for 1933-34 throughout the state totalled \$118,500,000 of which \$47,000,000 was paid by the state and the remaining \$71,500,000 of local taxes on real estate.

The human race has its problems, including you and me.

Methodist Church Dedicates Honor Roll

Dedication of the church honor roll was a highlight of the Christmas services in the recently decorated Bellefonte Methodist church, of which Rev. Harry C. Stinner, Jr. is pastor.

The honor roll and listing of the names of those who have been redecoreated in cream and tan, with light blue trim. All the woodwork has been redecoreated, the organ pipes redecoreated, and in fact the entire interior has been placed in excellent condition.

The honor roll occupies a prominent position at front of the church. Names are inscribed in gold letters on a brown background. The names of two men who lost their lives in the service are inscribed in black lettering on a gold background. The two are William Peter and Thomas Wayne Miller. There are a total of about 130 names on the roll.

Fire Damages Parsonage

An overheated furnace was blamed for the fire last Wednesday night at the Gettysburg Free Methodist parsonage occupied by the Rev. and Mrs. A. C. Thompson. The fire caused considerable damage in burning through the floor and rug. Religious brethren of Phillipsburg answered the alarm which sounded at 9 o'clock.

Where Taxpayers May Receive Help

Dates and Locations Where Deputies Will Meet Public

Deputy Collectors of Internal Revenue will be at the following places in Centre County to assist taxpayers in the preparation of Estimated, Amended, Estimated, or Final Income Tax returns for the calendar year 1944.

Phillipsburg, office, January 6, 8, 13 and 15.

Port Matilda, hotel, Jan. 9.

Snow Shoe, new fire house, Jan. 11.

Bellefonte, postoffice building, Jan. 6, 8, 13 and 15.

Centre Hall, First National Bank, Jan. 9.

Millheim, Farmers National Bank, Jan. 10.

State College, postoffice building, Jan. 11.

Howard, First National Bank, Jan. 5.

Rebersburg, Rebersburg National Bank, Jan. 12.

Fire at Tyrone Damages Stores

Commerce Building Suffers Loss in Thursday Afternoon Blaze

Firemen battled a \$7,000 fire for four hours last Thursday afternoon, which broke out with an explosive flare in the stockroom of the Firestone Supply Company in the Commerce building, Pennsylvania avenue, Tyrone, eating its way upward through the partitions to the second floor of the building.

The fire which was of an undetermined origin started in the stock room of the Firestone building and although the flames leaped up and fast, but as though they were an aftermath of an explosion, investigation showed there was nothing to have caused an explosion.

China dishes were stored in boxes in the stock room and these were packed against breakage in paper-like material set in shreds. There were no alcohol or antifreeze solutions in the stock room he said. A large drum in the room didn't catch fire and was removed.

The Firestone quarters were gutted and there was considerable damage to the contents. However, a great quantity of the merchandise was carried out by firemen and citizens.

The Shaffer store on the first floor was damaged by smoke and water, but the fire did not reach this area. The second floor of the Commerce building was damaged by smoke and water as well as fire in the rear. The third floor of the building was damaged only by smoke.

Quantities of oil in containers and tires were taken from the building and only four tires were burned in the conflagration.

One fireman was injured, having suffered severe cuts of the right hand from flying glass. The Firestone and Shaffer stores were closed at the time the fire was discovered by a passing motorist at 4:15 p. m. He turned in the alarm but the flames had gained considerable headway in the rear of the Firestone store before firemen could get at the source of the blaze.

Tyrone's Oldest Man is Native of Centre County

William Fleming, who resides at East 12th street, Tyrone on Monday celebrated his 90th birthday anniversary, and is the oldest resident of Tyrone.

He was born at Hecla Furnace on January 1, 1846, and early in life moved to Bellefonte. He has been a resident of Tyrone vicinity for more than 40 years, first making his home at Birmingham and later going to Tyrone.

Despite his advanced age, he is able to sit up a few hours each day, although bedfast most of the time. He makes his home with his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. James Fleming.

For many years Mr. Fleming was employed by the Tyrone borough. He retired from active work about 25 years ago.

Place at noon or during the afternoon, what should a man wear while attending it?

Tire Shortage To Become More Acute

Commenting on the recent announcement of Director Johnson of the Office of Defense Transportation that present indications are that commercial motor vehicle operators will receive only about one-half of their estimated tire requirements during the first three months of 1945, District Manager Clayton A. Klein at Williamsport, declared today that the present tire supply situation is the most critical since the war started, due to the unprecedented wear and tear on military tires in the European war, which has exceeded all pre-combat estimates.

Mr. Klein called upon commercial motor vehicle operators to conserve every ounce of usable rubber they now have, to refrain and recap every usable tire carcass and eliminate tire abuse in every possible way.

Dear Editor:

Just a few lines to wish the personnel of the Centre Democrat and all of my old friends in Centre County a happy New Year, and the hope that the next New Year we have more cause to extend a happy one.

We pray earnestly to God that ere another year has gone by that we may have joy in the knowledge that there is once more peace on earth and good will toward men. And that all our loved ones will be returned safely and well.

Happy New Year,
GEO. D. KELLER.

Former Sandy Ridge Man Killed in Action

T. Sgt. Cecil Splitter, 33, son of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Splitter, of Crawford, N. J., formerly of Sandy Ridge, was killed in action in Germany on November 30, according to a telegram received from the War Department by his wife, Mrs. Ruth Splitter, of Linden.

T. Sgt. Splitter was a native of Modern, and was graduated from the Phillipsburg High School. While a student there he started on his baseball career. He was pitcher for the Newark Bears from 1933 to 1938, and was then with the New York Yankees as a probationary pitcher for six months before his arm gave out. It was after he graduated from PHB fourteen years ago that he located in Linden, N. J.

To Install Grange Officers

Logan Grange will hold an open meeting at the Grange Hall in Pleasant Gap at 7:30 p. m. Friday, January 5, at which time officers elected for 1945 will be installed. All member families and friends are invited to attend. Refreshments will be served.

Announcement

Mrs. Helen Pink announces the engagement of her daughter, Audrey, to Pvt. Paul Daughenbaugh, both of Port Matilda. At present Pvt. Daughenbaugh is serving with the armed forces somewhere in Germany. He has served a total of 19 months.

Sunday School Lesson

CHILDHOOD OF JESUS

International Sunday School Lesson for January 7, 1945

GOLDEN TEXT: "Behold I am with thee, and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest."—Genesis 28: 15.

(Lesson Text: Matthew 2: 13-23)

For the first three months of the new year we are to study the Gospel of Matthew. A good thing to do, right at the start, is to get one's Bible and, in one reading, read straight through the Book of Matthew. Nothing will give the student more confidence and enthusiasm for these studies than just that. Try it and see for yourself.

Let us also remember, at the beginning of our studies, that this gospel is not intended, primarily, as a biography of Jesus. It is written in such a way that Jesus speaks and acts for himself. He is the central character, with the other gospels providing the biographical details.

Matthew's Gospel is generally recognized as the work of the apostle by that name. Certainly, the discourses of Jesus, given so completely, are from him. Some think that the apostle wrote an earlier book in Aramaic, from which the Greek original we have may have been translated, with some additions by the translator.

Levi, the publican, whose name was changed to Matthew, was called from the customs office by Jesus. His response was immediate. It was a daring thing for Jesus to do—excluding a tax collector of the Romans in his small and select body of disciples. It is probable that Matthew was a man of considerable property, which he abandoned to walk with Jesus.

Matthew's Gospel omits the first year of Christ's ministry in Judea and some of the early Galilean activities, probably because the author was not present at the time. Matthew was a modest writer. His name appears in one verse of his book and he is the only author who re-

Soldier is Killed; Son is 4 Days Old

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Kunes of Blanchard, Sgt. Kunes was graduated from the Blanchard High School and for a number of years was employed at Fred's Restaurant in State College.

Surviving in addition to his parents and his wife and infant son are two brothers, Doyle, now stationed in the South Pacific, and Malcolm, who recently was honorably discharged after four years of military service, and four sisters, Hazel, residing near Cleveland, Ohio; Mrs. Joseph Meckley, of Corning, N. Y.; Mrs. John Stull, of Blanchard, and Pauline Kunes, at home.

—Miss Mary Knapik returned Saturday to her nursing position at Cranville, N. Y., after spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Knapik of Halfmoon Terrace.

Random Items

ILLEGAL?

Bellefonte Council's announced plan of setting aside one-half the receipts from parking meters for a fund to be used in post-war projects, may be illegal. In an article on parking meters published in the current issue of the monthly bulletin of the Pennsylvania Department of Internal Affairs, it is noted: "Under present court decisions it appears to be illegal to use parking meter receipts for purposes other than the regulation of parking and traffic and related police activities."

MISCELLANEOUS:

Is anything more festive than a Christmas tree taking its last ride on an ash truck? We thought we had enough coal to last through the winter, but after the gigantic blizzard December made into the job, we're taking no bets.

Orlando we'd say the weather so far this winter points definitely to possibilities of a flood in the spring—conditions are exactly as they were in the winter of 1935-1936.

Seaman Jack H. Yeager, of Bellefonte, stationed at Bainbridge, Md., is the newest member of the "I've Got Smoking Club." He hasn't smoked since entering the Navy in June.

SCARCITY:

One of the civilian casualties of World War II seems to be unpopped popcorn. A survey of Bellefonte stores during the weekend revealed that there was no unpopped popcorn in town.

POISON?

Tuesday found four or more pigeons dead in the snow in the vicinity of the Crider Exchange building on the Diamond. Officials long have been trying to free the building of the pigeons which before the sidewalk around the building, and it is believed that Tuesday's toll indicates the birds are being poisoned. Somehow or other we don't like to see the birds murdered that way. It would be more sporting to shoot them or trap them, and convert them into food. Anyhow we kind of like to see the pigeons around.

NAZI PHOTOS:

L. J. James Hoffer, son of Mr. Sarah Hoffer of Bellefonte, recently sent home 11 German photos and a Nazi armband he found while aiding in "flushing" Germans out of a house in France. Most of the photos were taken at the funeral of a presumably high-ranking Nazi, for the views show the flower-covered grave with Nazi officers and men giving the straight-arm salute while a firing squad fires over the grave. The armband consists of a black swastika in a circle of white against a black background. A Nazi flag has been in France since April and is with a field artillery unit.

HOMETOWN PICTURE:

For the benefit of servicemen and others away from home, Bellefonte in the throes of real winter. Frozen ice and snow, mixed with ashes, covers most of the streets, and there are ruts and humps to bounce you around. Many store windows are blanketed out with frozen moisture on the insides of the panes—and you know what that means. The curb is piled with snow. The creek is low and clear, and it makes you shiver to see the ducks and swans diving and splashing around in the icy water. The sun shines all day on the ice and snow and melts not a drop of it.

HOLIDAY MIXTURE:

Have you heard of the Bellefonte man who mixed a batch of eggnog, filled up a quart bottle with the mix and set it in the refrigerator? Next day, while his wife was preparing Christmas dinner, the unknowingly used the eggnog to make a dressing for cauliflower. It was awful.

OVERDONE:

The government has been urging the public not to talk to returning soldiers about their life in military service, claiming that the men want to forget about it and get back in the civilian groove. Sometimes we wonder. We were talking with a returned wounded veteran of the Italian war the other day. He said he was anxious to get back in the army, because he was tired of hearing people talk about the weather. "They seem to think they'll offend me if they show any interest in where I've been," he said. "I'm out of touch with things at home, and as a result, neither of us has anything to talk about." We don't believe in "pumping" a veteran, but on the other hand when we're around one we can think of nothing more interesting in the world than to hear where he's been and what he's been doing.

Just remember that most of the things you worried about in 1944 never occurred.

Rambling Water Comes Far To Fill Bellefonte's Spring, Asserts Expert

Philadelphia Newspaper Feature Writer Discusses the Question of Town's Source of Water Supply

John M. Cummings, feature writer for The Philadelphia Inquirer, touched up on the subject of Bellefonte's big spring and its source of supply, in a recent issue of his column. In his discussion Mr. Cummings stated:

There is so much talk these days of underground operations in Europe that we considered it quite a treat the other night to sit on the floor—all the chairs being occupied—and gab for a half-hour or so with a gent who gave off some evidence of being a subterranean expert.

"For convenience we shall call this dude George Cowell, the same being his right name—subject to the whimsical spelling of Admiral Howard Cox, the title being a courtesy deriving from some 30 years or more at the Navy Yard in a civilian capacity. It was in the home of Admiral Cox, down there in Delaware county, that we tripped over the underground expert whose lady is a very fine warbler or singer if you prefer the vernacular.

"We'd been sitting on Admiral Cox's hard floor only a few minutes when we discovered, by dint of subtle questioning, that the bird who knows his underground is a professor of mathematics at Pennsylvania Military College, and that he resides in Swarthmore.

"Continuing in that subtle way of ours the questioning of the witness we learned—and how—that he is a product of New York's Finger Lake region. They turn out good wine up there, too.

"The mere mention of the Finger Lakes county reminded us of Bellefonte, a beautiful town in Centre county, and its Mayor, a chap called Harris. As you must know, if you have any education at all, Bellefonte gets its name from the great spring walks around the building, and it is believed that Tuesday's toll indicates the birds are being poisoned. Somehow or other we don't like to see the birds murdered that way. It would be more sporting to shoot them or trap them, and convert them into food. Anyhow we kind of like to see the pigeons around.

"Some years ago we sat on the bank of a creek discussing the Bellefonte water supply with His Honor the Mayor. He told us all about the fine water that bubbles from the base of the mountain, stating, among other things, that certain citizens had advised him it was even good to drink. The Mayor said he was willing to testify that it was his own personal knowledge it was good for bathing, for washing bottles and other suchlike work.

"Mayor Harris stated that for many years the source of the spring had been a matter of speculation and on occasion the subject gave rise to heated controversy. Finally a sober geologist came along one day and at a town meeting in the Mayor's office he announced he had determined for once and all that Bellefonte's famous spring was the outlet of an underground river that had its source in New York State, probably the Finger Lakes. We return now to the hard floor in the home of Admiral Cox and his beautiful frau, Iola. Pretty name! So is Iola!

"We told this story of the Bellefonte water supply to the underground expert called Cowell.

"Why, hang it all, said I've known that since I was a kid! Then he went on to say that the Finger Lake country is honeycombed with underground rivers. The various lakes, he continued, are connected by subterranean streams and their discovery solved a lot of mysteries which had proved an annoyance to the natives as far back as James Pennington Cooper's time and perhaps even earlier.

"It is quite common to find one of the Finger Lakes lousy with trout one year and the next year discover that the whole mess and bill's has disappeared. This, naturally, puzzled the natives, until it was ascertained that the trout had a habit of moving from one lake to another through underground waterways.

"On one point we may be a bit hazy, but it's our recollection that Mr. Cowell told us that some years ago he donated a home-made diver's outfit and negotiated one of these underground lakes. Down there in the bowels of the earth, he remarked, he saw trout so large that he hesitates to this day to give an estimate of their size. He feels he would not be believed if he said some of the smaller specimens he encountered were at least 10 feet. He dimpled and threw up his hands in a gesture of despair when we asked him to make a rough guess of the size of some of the larger fish he saw in the cavern.

"Mr. Cowell said he is certain that one of these underground streams courses south from New York State, worms its way beneath the Pennsylvania mountains and finally gushes into the bright sunshine on sunny days only at Bellefonte. In this respect his account agreed with the story of Mayor Harris.

"There was, of course, a mild difference. Mayor Harris said it was his understanding the spring had its origin in the Finger Lake region. Mr. Cowell said he was sure of it. We were so interested in the big trout and so sure in certain spots from stories too long on Admiral Cox's floor that we forgot to ask why he spoke with such finality."

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