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NEWS, FEATURES

Random Items

Jesse Adler Looks at the NEWS

SECOND SECTION

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Garage At Philipsburg Wrecked By Explosion of Three Kegs of Powder

Destructive Blast Occurs When Powder On a Truck Being Repaired Ignited From Welding Machine.

One person was seriously injured and several others suffered minor burns last Thursday evening when three of five kegs of powder loaded on a truck being repaired at the Pritchard garage in Philipsburg exploded.

Eight persons were reported in the garage building when the blast occurred, but only one, Mr. Mayes, was seriously injured. He suffered burns of the face and hands but was apparently not injured by the concussion of the blast itself.

Philipsburg Man Dies At Throttle

Collapses After Completing Run From Conemaugh to Gallitzin

Edward Henderson Lehr, 62, Conemaugh, a veteran Pennsylvania Railroad locomotive engineer, died at Philipsburg, Pa., on January 17, 1945, after completing a run from Conemaugh to Gallitzin, Pa.

Mr. Lehr complained to his fireman, R. M. Hall, Johnstown, of severe pains in his chest several times during the trip up the mountain.

Families Suffer From Exposure

Members Nearly Perish When Marooned in Deep Snow Banks

Two nearby county families were victims of exposure during the recent heavy snows. Dr. Fred Davis, Mrs. Davis and children, Laura and Reese, had a very narrow escape from freezing to death on New Year's Night.

Bellefonte D. A. R. In January Meeting

At the January meeting, held at the home of Mrs. Lewis Orvis Harvey, the Bellefonte Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution, welcomed the return of its Regent, Mrs. William C. Thompson, who has been absent for several months because of a broken leg suffered in a fall.

Motion Pictures at Milesburg Church

Beginning Thursday, January 18, the Milesburg Baptist church will sponsor a motion picture program in the church auditorium designed ultimately to contribute toward the campaign against juvenile delinquency.

Aaronsburg Member Calf Club Honored

Having proved herself capable of doing satisfactory Holstein Calf Club work, Carrie Mae Fiedler of Aaronsburg, Pa., has just been awarded a Certificate of Merit and Junior membership in the Holstein-Friesian Association of America, Brattleboro, Vermont.

Lock Haven Store Damaged By Fire

Fire which broke out in the furnace room of the E. L. Stein building in Lock Haven, Sunday afternoon, caused considerable damage to the furniture stock of Mr. Stein, the owner.

Mr. Stein estimated that his stock totaled \$18,000 to \$20,000, about half covered by insurance.

Inauguration Day

-will to the best of my ability, preserve and protect the constitution of the United States



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Janitor Burned By Furnace Blast

Explosion of Coal Gas Causes Damage to Lock Haven Store

Clyde Huey, caretaker of the furnace of the East Main street building in Lock Haven, occupied by Dolly's Shop, was burned severely about the face, hands and legs Saturday morning, by an explosion of coal gas, which also started a fire in the store conducted by Miss Dolly Klevansky.

Find Man Dead In Coal House

Aged Clintondale Resident is Victim of Sudden Heart Attack

Apparently dead for several days, the body of John William Ginter, 74, was discovered Thursday afternoon in the coal house outside his home at Clintondale.

Fired At Sheriff, But Primer Failed

Snyder County Cripple Makes Unsuccessful Attempt to Kill

Sheriff Palmer E. Dinius, of Snyder county, is hale and hearty today, thanks to the failure of a close range, loaded revolver, says the Selinsgrove Times-Tribune.

Two Fires on Same Day Destroy Business Block, Homes, at Jersey Shore

Sallada Building and Contents Lost In Early Morning Blaze; Four-Family Apartment House Partially Burned

Jersey Shore suffered two costly fires on Friday, when the Sallada business building was destroyed in an early morning blaze, followed by Mrs. a second fire during the night on North Broad street which rendered four families homeless.

In the second fire, which broke out about 10:20 p. m., four families were made homeless. The blaze started in the apartment of Mrs. Floyd Keen, at a four-family dwelling at 213 North Broad street. It is believed to have started from a defective flue, the flue having burned out at 8 o'clock, and not having been reported to the firemen. The fire itself was confined to the Keen apartment, where all furniture was burned, but other tenants suffered loss by smoke and water.

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Woman Sentenced for Death of Man

Enters Plea of Guilty for Part Played in Street Brawl

Mrs. Olive L. Westover, 42, of Altoona, was sentenced, last Wednesday to serve from 10 to 20 months in the Blair county jail, to pay a fine of \$25 and the cost of prosecution, after Blair county district attorney J. Calvin Lang accepted her plea of involuntary manslaughter in connection with the death of Herbert A. Weidel, Judge George G. Patterson presided at the trial which was proceeding with selection of jurors for the murder trial when the interruption occurred. At the opening of the trial Wednesday morning, tears streamed down Mrs. Westover's cheeks as she signed the plea of guilty.

Coroner Probes Death of Twins

Finds Tyrone Babies Died of Malnutrition and Exposure

Malnutrition and exposure were found to be the cause of death of twin sons of Mrs. Louise James, 20, of Tyrone, by a coroner's jury at an inquest held in Tyrone, Thursday night.

Two Injured in Crash of Airmail Plane

Two members of an All-American Aviation mail plane are in Westmoreland hospital after their ship crashed in Unity township, Westmoreland county.

Farm Machinery Course Is Offered

The Warriors Mark-Franklin Jr. school district is again offering a farm machinery repair and electric arc-welding instruction for the farmers within driving distance of the school, regardless of county boundaries. The objective is to give farmers an opportunity to do their own repair work on machinery essential for food production next summer. Instruction will be under the direction of Clayton Dickson and Hugh Wilson, with William Bickle as secretary. The course is given under the Food Education War Training Program and is financed by Federal funds. There are no charges made for the course, although owners of equipment are expected to pay for new materials or repair parts used on a repair job.

Boy Scouts Plan Court of Honor Here

Plans for a public Court of Honor to be held in the Bellefonte High School auditorium on Thursday, February 8, were discussed at a meeting of the Muncy District Committee, Boy Scouts, in the high school last Wednesday night.

SMITH RE-ELECTED HEAD OF MEMORIAL PARK

Howard H. Smith was re-elected president of the Centre County Memorial Park Inc., at the third annual meeting of the stockholders of the organization last week.

TEN-TON TOMATO WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Tomato-growers honored in the annual Ten-Ton Tomato Club were presented with special awards by Secretary of Agriculture Miles Horst at the recent meeting of the Pennsylvania Vegetable Growers Association, H. W. Huffnagle, of Quarryville, club chairman, announced the winners, Jesse M. Huffnagle, extension vegetable specialist at the Pennsylvania State College, assisted in compiling the records.

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Name Relief Officers

Arthur A. Boob was named president of the Bellefonte Firemen's Relief Association at the annual organization meeting held last week at the Undine Fire House. Other officers elected were John Gillen, vice president; Russell Beezer, treasurer; and Phillip Saylor, secretary.

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LATE, AND EARLY:

Tax Collectors often have odd experiences in the performance of their official duties. The other day an aged man went into the office of Bellefonte Tax Collector, George Brown and offered to pay taxes which he had ignored 52 years ago. "I lived in Bellefonte but moved into a nearby township just before the tax cards were sent out in 1893," he explained. "I didn't pay any taxes in the township, and I didn't pay my borough taxes. I have come here to settle the bill and get the account straight!" he added. Officials in Mr. Brown's office explained that a 52-year-old tax bill is something they're not equipped to cope with, and in effect told him to go and sin no more. Two days later a local woman called at the office and wanted to pay her taxes for next year. She had turned down on the grounds that the tax rates for next year have not been fixed and consequently the collector can't tell what her tax bill will be.

HISTORY QUIZ ANSWER:

Alert reader George Bingham of Bellefonte answered the question of a fourth-grade reader published in this space last week about what happened to the silver dollar George Washington threw across the Potomac River. "The dollar," Mr. Bingham points out, "was thrown across the Rappahannock River in Virginia, and I suspect some fourth-grade boy picked it up and pocketed it."

CAUTION NOTICE:

It isn't too early to make a plea to Bellefonte officials and others to keep their hands off the swans and ducks around the falls this spring. The human touch applied in previous years to the family affairs of the ducks and swans has proved catastrophic. Just for a trial, let's not worry too much about how the ducks' and the swans' families are coming along this spring.

WEATHER NOTE:

The somewhat mild day or two we had during the weekend may have been 1945's version of the January thaw. Anyhow, some of the accumulation of ice and snow was melted, and on Saturday the frost came out on the massive stone pillars supporting the roof of the Elks Home across the street.

ORATORY PROMOTER:

If, in the course of coming years, Bellefonte is plagued with a group of men and women who will speak at the drop of a hat at any public gathering, the community will have John Curtin, Jr., to thank (or otherwise) for the condition. Through his efforts a course in public speaking opened here last week with about 16 members, three of them women, enrolled. The instructors are from Penn State; the course being held under the direction of the Penn State Extension Department. The more we think of it the more we feel we should have stood by the resolution we made some years ago to confine our public remarks strictly to writing!

GOOD, BUT NOT BEST:

Last Centre county became too smug in having topped its quota in the 6th War Loan drive in December by 125 per cent, we feel it should be pointed out that while the county certainly achieved a fine achievement, it was not the best in this six-county area. Cambria led with 142 per cent; then came Blair with 141 per cent; next Huntingdon with 129 per cent; then came Centre. Clearfield county subscribed 112 per cent and Bedford was last with 77 per cent. Pike county led the entire State, having subscribed 194 per cent of its quota.

MISSIONARIES:

A Phillipsburg friend of the other morning got to talking about religion. "I can't quite understand missionary work," he declared. "Suppose, for example, the Mohammedans were to establish a mission in Bellefonte, like the christian religion-establish-in foreign lands?" Well, let's suppose it for a moment. What would happen if a Mohammedan mission opened on High Street? We'd suspect the missionary of all kinds of plotting, intrigue, and nameless crimes. Persons who became converts would be looked upon as outcasts by most of us. It is not stretching the imagination too far to believe the missionary might be asked to leave town, and if he refused, he might be escorted to the city limits by force. What is sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander, and if our mission don't do so well in so-called heathen lands, just remember that a Palagonian mission established in the U. S. probably wouldn't do so well, either.

CONTEST:

The walls of the grille room at the Brooks-Doll Post American Legion Home in Bellefonte, have been virtually covered with scores of attractive illustrations of the insignia of the various types of units in the armed forces. It would be fun, some long winter evening, to get all the members around there to sit down and see who could identify the greatest number of the insignia. For our part, we'd volunteer to pass out the pencils and paper, because we're sure of only one. We think that picture of a cactus plant is the insignia of a desert patrol.

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Few men think other men deserve their success.