

VOLUME 63.

BELLEVILLE, PA., THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1945

NUMBER 8

Jesse Adler Looks at the NEWS

A PRECOCIOUS niece of ours calls the Big Three the "Big Fro"

ONE of the hoochloppers in a N. Y. side street has a picture of Stalin on one ball, P. D. R. on the second and Churchill on the third—with a sign reading "They'll Hoak Hitler"

A RENO judge predicts a post-war increase in divorce. Well, aren't most divorces post-war?

THEY've dug out another event they declare was a racket at Macdon Square Garden last week—the Dog Show. They made a belluva racket.

ED SULLIVAN columned on Valentine's Day, that it was George Jean Nathan's birthday. So he has a heart, huh?

AN onion dealer out west was jailed for price violations. When they brought out the evidence the whole court was in tears.

A G. I. in Liverpool married a gal who discovered, after she sent a piece of the wedding cake to his mother, that he also had a wife in the States. The second wife was so furious she hit her hubby on the head with the cake and almost killed him.

A NY cop pulled a chap in because he looked suspiciously wearing three overcoats and carrying an extra one on each arm. "I was just cold" was the explanation. But the coats were hot so the cool kid is now cooking in the cooler.

ONE THING chain-smokers have found out since the cigarette shortage—that chains are tuff to puff on.

A PORTLAND, IND. schoolteacher always carried a bag around with him, claiming it was his lunch. It turned out, when he died, that the bag contained over \$22,000 in bills. His name was Shinedollar—when wasn't just his name but obviously his hobby!

LOIS DeFEE, one-time girl bouncer who's 9 foot 4, has just been married for the third time. Her first was a dwarf, 3'11. Her last is an Air Corps officer 6 foot 5. To misquote a fat slogan: "Now You Can Be Taller Than DeFEE is!"

NICK KENNY writes that a Gagg-writer's Protective Assn. is being formed. "Bodyguard" probably will be pun-named "Half-Nelson Eddy."

HERE'S one for Sid Skolsky's collection of movie boners. In "Practically Yours" Fred MacMurray, keeping company with Claudette Colbert for twelve reels or so, wears a wedding band throughout his romancing. The bigamist!

IF YOU scoff at the unimportance of even shortening the war one day, paste this vital note in your calendar. Your next Bond Purchase may save you own son's life!

BETTERS to the Editor

LABOR SHORTAGE—P. R. R. The Centre Democrat, Dear Editor:

Getting right to the point, we believe if the millions now employed in the liquor, tobacco, movie and soft drink business, were transferred to essential industries, the so-called labor shortage problem would be solved. Of course, folks as free moral agents, have the right to drink liquor, attend movies, chew tobacco, spit on the white snow, smoke in public places (deprive others of breathing gobs of pure air) if they want to, but if being deprived of these privileges would put labor where most needed, and thus help to shorten this war. We don't believe there's a red-blooded American that wouldn't be willing to do without these non-essential things for the duration.

Some individual may say, I have to have my smokes and drinks every day or I'll be sick. You're no better than the boys who are wrenched from their homes and loved ones, and who as a result become "very sick" and sometimes directly or indirectly die from the effects of that thing called homesickness. Think of the trucks, ships, planes, cars, gas and rubber used in the above-mentioned non-essential industries, while our boys at the front suffer for lack of needed equipment, etc. because of labor shortage and means of transportation (so we are told).

What are we going to do about it? Lay a few million letters on the desks of our representatives down in Washington. Oh, yes, it will do some good. We put those fellows there, and have a right, and more, it's our duty to tell them what we want done in certain matters and under certain conditions. Who is to send these letters? You and I as individuals, organizations, etc. Some may call me a fanatic for suggesting such things. But there's just a lot of folks who are getting pretty well fed up on this cry of labor shortage in essential industries while the above-named non-essential industries continue to use it and thus prolong this war.

Hopefully yours, C. M. Walk, pastor, U. B. Charge, Mahaffey.

Home From China Master Sergeant Leon P. Miller, 35, who spent 16 years with the U. S. armed forces, most of them in China, will return to his duties with the army on Sunday after having spent a 30-day furlough with his mother, Mrs. Mary J. Miller, of Julian. While he was at home his brother, Sgt. Max Miller, who is stationed at a camp in North Carolina, was here for a brief visit and saw his older brother for the first time in 16 years.

Snow Deer of The Pine Barrens Is Legend of Centre County Region

Century-Old Story of Snow-White Stag Whose Dreaded Appearance Indicated Approach of Furious Storm

By HENRY W. SHOEMAKER in Altoona Tribune

Report has it that talented Marlon Jones is returning to her beloved Pine Barrens of Centre county to resume collecting folk lore and ballads, and painting pictures of that delectable region. Much of the vanishing lore and perishing beauty of the Great Pine Barrens of history would be lost were it not for Miss Jones' energy, for which she has been made a first laureate by the Pennsylvania Folk Lore Society.

Doubtless if she has preserved a version of the legend of the snow deer, or schnee harsh, as the old Dutch settlers called it, that came to an end in Daddy Frybarger's wagon shed, over a century ago. For as long times as there were clearings in the Great Pine Barrens, and that goes back to 1788, when veteran soldiers of the Revolution, Hartscocks,

Chaplain In Pacific



Lt. Homer E. Yearick, 25, son of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Yearick, of Mill Hill, R. D., has been serving as a chaplain with the Sea-Bees in the Marianas Islands in the Pacific since October 1944.

Lt. Yearick, the first Centre county man to become a Navy chaplain in the present war, enlisted in the Naval Reserves on April 7, 1943, received his commission as a chaplain and was called for active duty on June 25, 1943. He received training at Williams and Mary College, Williamsburg, Va., and then was sent to the U. S. Naval Training Station at Sampson, N. Y.

The county chaplain has a brother-in-law in the armed forces. He is Cpl. Ralph E. Walker, of Mackeyville. Cpl. Walker is the husband of the former June Yearick, who is now with him at Tampa, Florida, where he has been stationed for some time. Cpl. Walker was home during the 1943 deer season and succeeded in shooting a fine buck.

Jacob Fox Named Tax Investigator

The Department of Revenue in Harrisburg has announced that the services of Hobart C. Thompson, of Phillipsburg, as Centre County inheritance Tax Investigator will terminate on February 28, and that his successor will be Jacob Fox, of Flemington.

Explosion Causes Injury

Fred Haydenreich, Muncy, a senior at the Turbotville High School, was badly burned about the face and body Thursday afternoon in the general science room of the school when his clothing caught fire in an explosion of phosphorus. The accident took place after an experiment in the class failed to work and the materials were being placed in the cupboard before leaving the classroom.

Party Held at Snow Shoe

Mr. and Mrs. Harry W. Hall entertained at a birthday party at their home in Snow Shoe last Monday night in honor of Mrs. Hall's sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Tyler. Relatives and friends spent a delightful evening playing games and in music. Refreshments were served.

1732-Washington-1945

FIRST IN WAR FIRST IN PEACE FIRST IN HEARTS OF HIS COUNTRYMEN



Editor's Note: This is the first of a series on the founding and dedication of the Zion Reformed church...

Farm Meeting Here Tomorrow

Program Arranged For First County Farm Crops Day

County Agent R. C. Blaney has announced an instructive program for the first Centre County Farm Crops Day to be held Friday, February 23, at the Court House in Bellefonte.

The speakers will be Agricultural Extension Specialist from State College and during the day will discuss individual problems anyone might have.

The program will be as follows: 10 a. m.—Pulpwood Production, Woodlot Management and Reforestation on Centre County Farms (Pictures)—Mr. P. T. Murphy, extension forester.

11 a. m.—New Varieties of Farm Crops and Fertilizer Practices Best Adapted to Centre County Farms—J. B. Dickey, extension agronomist.

1:30 p. m.—Mechanical Labor Saving Equipment and Use of New Machinery in the Farm Operations (Pictures)—Robert J. McCall, extension engineer.

2:30 p. m.—The Significance of Soil Erosion and Practical Methods of Control—Frank Bamer, extension agronomist.

County Goat Owners Form Organization

Nine goat owners met at Penn State College last week and organized the Centre County Goat Society. Paul S. Williams, of the department of dairy husbandry, was elected as temporary president, and Ralph V. McGrew, of the department of chemistry, secretary.

I. E. Parkin, extension dairy specialist of the College, spoke on the activities of goat breeders' societies.

The Centre County Goat Society will meet every two months to exchange ideas, to cooperate in the purchase of supplies and in the sale of goat products, and to aid in the dissemination of information concerning the value of the dairy goat.

The next meeting will be held the evening of April 16.

Girl Injured In Bus Accident

A girl passenger on the bus to Renovo Sunday evening was injured when the bus was in an accident involving two other cars. The accident occurred near Baker Run on Route 120 about 9:45 p. m.

According to the State Police, the car of Paul E. Knepley, of Lock Haven, was parked on the right side of the highway, facing toward the city.

As Charles E. Bailey of Renovo, driving toward Lock Haven, approached a Schaut's Line bus, driven by Bruce Brown of Renovo, was coming in the opposite direction.

Phyllis Haas of Renovo, was treated in Renovo for head cuts received when she struck a window. None of the approximately 20 other passengers were injured.

The State Police said charges would be filed against Knepley for parking on the highway.

Bailey's car was practically demolished, the bus received about \$150 in damages, and the Knepley car slight damages to the left rear fender.

Qualifying As Pre-Aviation Cadets

Tests to determine their qualifications as pre-aviation cadets are now being given two former residents of Bellefonte, who are now undergoing the Army Air Forces Training Command's processing at Keesler Field, Miss. They are: Pvt. Richard Kline Wiltner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick O. Wiltner, of 117 East Linn street, and Pvt. Philip Eugene Wiltner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Russell W. Wiltner, 39 Reynolds avenue.

Youth Rescues Girl From Water

Five-Year-Old Tot Has Narrow Escape From Drowning

Mary Cowfer, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Cowfer of Frenchtown, was rescued last Thursday by Betty Hughes, 16, also of Osceola Mills, who was passing nearby when she heard the screams of children after Mary had broken through the ice.

She was face-down in the creek water when he arrived and entered the water to pull her out. She with a number of other children had been playing on the ice of the creek under a railroad bridge at Newtown.

Wilbur Thrush, a 13-year-old Boy Scout, arrived on the scene at that time and promptly administered artificial respiration. She was reported to be in the water about 10 minutes before being rescued.

Mary was then taken to a nearby home and a physician summoned. She was then taken to the Phillipsburg State Hospital in the Hope Fire Company ambulance. She was suffering from exposure and shock.

She will celebrate her fifth birthday on March 1, and her rescuer, Betty Hughes, will be 17 next month.

Roaring Spring Man Killed At Quarry

Harry F. Carney, 49, of Roaring Spring, died less than half an hour after being admitted to Nason Hospital last week, having suffered numerous fractures and internal injuries when rolling rock fell on him while he was working at the Hartman quarry of the General Refractories Company of Claysburg.

He is survived by his wife and three children; also by his mother, Mrs. Wilda (Carney) McCracken, of West Lebanon; two half brothers and two half sisters.

Important Notice To Truck Operators

Clayton A. Klein, district manager of the Williamsport office of Defense Transportation has reminded operators that trucks starting out empty on a trip which exceeds 25 miles must be registered with the nearest district or field office of the ODT by telephone, for possible assignment of a load of registered freight. Common carriers must register both empty and partially laden trucks, while contract and private carriers are required to register empty trucks only.

If no freight is available, operator will be given a clearance number and may proceed. Operators of tank, service and small and specially designed trucks, as well as trucks with a rated load carrying ability of 12,000 pounds or less are not required to register their vehicles.

Former Port Matilda Man Dies In Action

Pvt. Joseph A. Davidson, 23, brother of Forrest Davidson and Mrs. Edith Rudy of Port Matilda, was killed in Luxembourg on January 25, it was learned here this week. He is married to the former Betty Dodd of Corning, N. Y., and is the father of a two-month-old daughter whom he has never seen.

A graduate of the high school at Port Matilda, where he spent his earlier years after the death of his mother, Pvt. Davidson served an apprenticeship with the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company in Pittsburgh until called into service in May of 1944.

He trained at Camp Blanding, Fla., and went overseas last November. In addition to the brother and sister living in Port Matilda, he is survived by his father, W. G. Davidson, of Altoona, R. D., and two brothers and a sister.

Burns Hand, Breaks Arm

Mrs. Mary Shank, 60, of Altoona, was treated for a burned arm on the palm of her left hand and for a possible fracture of the left forearm. At the Mercy hospital dispensary, she said she burned her hand at 1:20 p. m. and then ten minutes later fell on the sidewalk in front of her home, injuring her arm.

Historical Sketch of Zion Reformed Church Written 54 Years Ago

Old Newspaper Clippings Reveal Pioneer Work of Congregation to Erect a Handsome Place of Worship

The main entrance there is a large square tower of modern architecture which gives to the structure a very stylish appearance.

In this tower there is a place for a bell which will be put up in the near future. The bell was bought and hung in place in September, 1894. There are two entrances, one on the north and the other on the south of the building. You enter a vestibule on going in either of these entrances which are lighted by stained glass windows.

From the vestibules you can enter either the Sunday School room or the auditorium, the latter being large and spacious. It is finished in hard oak with walnut trimmings, which makes it look fine. The main room is seated with two hundred and twenty-six opera chairs, neatly all of which were sold to parties belonging to the church, before they

(Continued on page Four)

2 County Natives Retire from PRR

William Gates and George W. Spiller Had Long Years of Service

Among ten employees of the P. R. R. Middle Division who are scheduled for retirement are two natives of Centre county. They are William Gates of Phillipsburg and George W. Spiller of Sandy Ridge.

William Gates of Phillipsburg, retired as a trackman. He was born at Unionville, Centre county, on Feb. 4, 1880. He went to work for the company on April 9, 1900 as a laborer on the old Tyrone division, and transferred to the Middle division on May 1, 1929, as a trackman. He had been in the service forty-four years.

George W. Spiller, of Sandy Ridge, retired as a trackman. He was born on Feb. 19, 1879, at Bald Eagle. His first employment with the company was on Jan. 4, 1901, as a laborer on the Tyrone division. He was transferred to the Middle division on May 1, 1929, and had since worked as a trackman. He was in the service forty-three years.

Suffers Burns In Shack Fire

Aged Man, in Hospital, Unable to Tell How Fire Started

William Blair Shope, 65, was taken to the Altoona Hospital Friday night where he was treated for first and second degree burns of the right wrist and left leg.

At the hospital, Shope was unable to tell how he caught fire. The aged man lives in a one-room shack and his bed was a couple of boxes with old clothing and overcoats used as mattresses and covering.

The man doesn't smoke so the cause of the fire could not be determined. Firemen got him from the burning home but he got back in and they had to rescue him the second time. Because of the rags and clothing there was considerable smoke.

Police reported that the man will be placed under an oxygen tent every three hours.

Two Local Scouts Win Highest Rank

At the Muncy District Boy Scouts Court of Honor held in Bellefonte, Harry Quisley of Troop 20, of Phillipsburg, and Ray C. Noll, Troop 66, of Pleasant Gap, were awarded the highest rank in scouting, that of an Eagle Scout.

Others to be honored were William Daup, Taylor Potter, Warren Faust, Harry McClenahan, of Troop 20, of Centre Hall; and Dale Fritchman, Curtis Wagner and Thomas DeHaas of Troop 35, Bellefonte, who were advanced to Life Scouts.

Those who were named Star Scouts include James Gentzel, Donald Hess, Jack Shecker, Harry McMillin and Thomas Barner, of Troop 59, Milesburg; and Fred Schaffer, Jr., Troop 66, Pleasant Gap. Melvin Sumner, and Lee Smith, both of Troop 35, Bellefonte, also earned the award.

Sixty boys were named tenderfoot scouts during the year ending February 1: 52 second class scouts, and 22 first class scouts.

Music Section To Entertain Club

The Bellefonte Woman's Club will meet Monday night, February 26, at 7:45 o'clock, in the Presbyterian chapel, with Mrs. Harry Jones, president, presiding. The Music Section, Miss Betty Lockington, chairman, will be in charge of the program. Miss Grace Corman will give a reading on the history of the development of United States Music.

Musical selections will be presented by Mrs. Louis Schrad, Mrs. Mabel Gettig, Mrs. George Lyon, Mrs. Ernest Martin, Miss Martina Albert, the String Ensemble, and a double quartette. After the meeting refreshments will be served by the Music Section with Mrs. W. Leslie Thomas, chairman, and committee members Mrs. John Covey, Mrs. Louis Schrad, Mrs. Willard Barnhart, Mrs. R. G. MacDonald, Mrs. Mahlon Robb, Mrs. Barbara Kniesly, Mrs. John Dubbs, and Mrs. Harry N. Meyer.

Next month the American Red Cross will ask Americans to support its war work; this is your opportunity to help the boys overseas without compensation.

Take it from us: Money will not always be as plentiful as it is today. The moral is to save some of what passes through your hands.

VALENTINE

A bloke who signs himself "Your Secret Pal" sent us a Valentine. It was one of those penny affairs, in which a slot had been punctured and a Lucky Strike cigarette had been inserted. It read "Smoke this and think of last year's garden-beans with BLOSSOMS, only, in September." Then there was a verse about gardening. We suspect the sender is being churlish about our bean lima bean crop. Just to show you how unjust the thing is, we'll tell you a little about it. We spaced up a special section of land which hadn't been cultivated for years, and planted the beans carefully in May. We went back in September to harvest the crop, and pushing the weeds aside, we found bean bushes. It is true they were not as large as some bushes we've seen, and that there were some blossoms on the vines. But there also were some beans, nearly as many, we found upon shelling them, as we had planted in the spring. We feel that inferior seed and a poor growing season might have affected the crop somewhat. Proof of our belief was at hand in the lush growth of weeds around the bushes. Everyone knows weeds grow best in climate unfavorable to crops.

LEVITATION

The boys around the Logan fire house are puzzled by a feat of levitation which they perform, but which they can't explain. They select a "victim," preferably a weighty one, and have him sit in a chair. Then four men, two at either side, each of them clasping his hands together with the index fingers extended, attempt to lift the victim, by placing their forefingers under the sledge's arms, and under his knees. They can't budge a stickman. Then the four men place their hands flat on the top of the victim's head, one on top of the other. This "apportion" the man. Resuming their former positions, the men again attempt to lift and this time he is raised high in the air with no apparent effort on the part of the men. It's a bit impressive trick. Can any of you explain it?

FISHERMEN

L. F. Livingston, duPont official who last week spoke to the Kivans Club here, told reporters afterwards he used to include in his display of plastic products samples of plastic-spermed fishing lines. "I never used any items taken by anglers, except fishing lines," Mr. Livingston explained, adding that he had six lines in nine meters. He explained it this way: "Fishermen are natural born shiners, and I believe that where fishing, they have no shame." He doesn't display fishing lines anymore, darn the luck!

ENTERTAINMENT

After tonight, there's going to be a lot of entertainment available in Bellefonte. Every member of the public speaking club here is going to make two four-minute speech recordings, and he or she will take the recordings home. If you know any members of the club, you can win their undying affection by asking them to play their records for you.

PEACE

The most heartening sign in a war-weary world is the apparent complete accord reached in the recent conference of Churchill, Stalin, and Roosevelt. Their realistic approach to the problems of peace seems to be the best assurance possible that after World War II we will have peace in our time.

CONGRATULATIONS

To the Logan Fire Company which tonight will celebrate its 75th anniversary with a banquet at the Legion home. It's a far cry from the old days when firemen had leather buckets placed in various stores and business houses so they'd be handy in case of a fire nearby, to today when modern fire-fighting equipment is mounted on fast trucks ready for instant use day or night.

But the years have not changed the spirit of Bellefonte's firemen. The same will to serve the community, to beat the "other company" to alarms, still prevails. The only difference is that time has smoothed the rough edges off of what at one time was a brutal rivalry between the two companies, replacing it with a spirit of competition in which there is an element of close friendship. The firemen of today, too, make a study of fires and how to fight them. As a result there is seldom need for fire officials to write, as did one early Logan chief after a fire: "The members turned out promptly and in force. The building burned to the ground."

BROKEN

There comes a day every February when you can tell that winter is on the way out. It is a day when, for the first time, you notice a slight change in the tang of the air, when you begin to look around for robins, when you look at the garden, and begin to think about what you're going to do to the yard this year. It is a fool's paradise, of course, for winter will still get in many a severe lick, but from that day on winter's worst can be borne with better grace, for you know it can't last much longer.

WRANGLE SESSION

We've attended many a session of Bellefonte Borough Council, but we have never seen one in which there were so many wrangles, squabbles and verbal battles as the one Monday night. Unfortunately, in none of them were the issues clear-cut enough to report briefly. The Health Officer took Council, the Mayor, the Justices of the Peace and even the newspapers into camp. He didn't explain wherein the newspapers displeased him but we'd like to know.

Buy War Bonds and keep 'em!