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Couple Rescued From Truck When Stalled On Flooded Road At Hyner

Lancaster County Man and Companion Have Narrow Escape From Drowning When Caught by Overflowing River

A Lancaster County man and a woman companion, who braved the treacherous highway along the river-... couple was effected through the efficient functioning of the disaster committee operating in Renovo and Lock Haven.

12 From County Among Graduates

Total of 168 Receive Degrees From Penn State College

Twelve Centre countians were numbered among the 168 students who received degrees at Penn State College last Thursday.

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Encouraging News



Historical Sketch of Zion Reformed Church

(Continued from Last Issue) rendered during the entire day was exceptionally fine. They therefore deserve unbounded credit for manifesting so much interest in the occasion. It was composed of the following ladies and gentlemen:

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Continuation of Fancied Plane Flight, Written By County Man, 37 Years Ago

Second Installment Describes Trip to Bellefonte. Author Wrote Under Pen Name of 'Domino'

This is the second and concluding chapter in the story of an imaginary airplane trip, written 37 years ago by the late George W. Rumberger of Unionville. The first installment appeared in the February 8 issue. Copy was furnished by Miss Ruth Parsons, Unionville correspondent to The Centre Democrat.

Husband Dies Day After Wife's Death

Ptomaine Poisoning Fatal to North Philipsburg Resident

While shocked from his wife's death was at first listed as the cause of death for John Slother, 54, of North Philipsburg, who died at his home Thursday afternoon, a post-mortem examination, Friday showed that his death was caused by ptomaine poisoning augmented by the shock.

'Meanest Thief' Is Sentenced

Gets 4 Months in Jail For Stealing March of Dimes Banks

The most contemptible thief to come into court in recent years is what Judge D. M. Larrabee of Lycoming county, said of Berman G. Lewis, 20, Proctor Star Route, who entered a plea of guilty Friday to stealing March of Dime banks containing money for the crippled children cause.

Native of Allport Youth Hurt As Shell Explodes

Pvt. Harvey E. Maines, Field Artilleryman, Dies on French Soil

Pvt. Harvey Ellis Maines, aged 21, a native of Allport, was killed in action in France February 1st, according to a telegram received by his mother, Mrs. Dorothy Maines, of Tyrone, from the War Department.

Bellefonte P. O. of A. Installs Officers

Officers of P. O. of A. Camp 231 of Bellefonte, were installed Tuesday night, Feb. 29, with Mrs. Margery Young, district president and her installing team consisting of the following members in charge: Mrs. Margaret J. Gates, Mrs. Julia McNichols, Mrs. Lula Rhodes, Mary J. Enay, Mrs. Elizabeth Shutt.

Find Unconscious Woman In Fire

Youth Held, Said to Have Abandoned Companion in Fire

Robert Quarello, 21-year-old Altoona youth, was arrested Sunday afternoon at the rear of an apartment building at Eighth and Seventh streets, which was damaged to the extent of \$1,200 in the general alarm fire early Sunday morning.

Former Local Woman Aids In Packing Prisoner of War Parcels

Most prisoners of war writing from prison camps refer frequently and with profound thanks to the Red Cross parcels they receive from time to time. Many service men in prison camps credit the Red Cross parcels with saving them from starvation.

May Double U. S. Airports

At present, only 1,629 of the 3,047 counties in the United States have one or more airports landing areas. This average of 53 per cent would be brought up to 88 per cent under proposals made by the Civil Aeronautics Administration to Congress.

Post War Air Travel to Europe

An average of 230,024 passengers will travel annually by air to Europe according to figures compiled by the Civil Aeronautics Board.

CIGARETTE ROLLER

Roy Val West High street tobacco store owner, tells of an armed stranger who went into his store one day last week. Presently the man took his hand out of his pocket with a rolled cigarette in his fingers. He proceeded to moisten the edge of the paper, finished the roll and lit the cigarette. It was too much for Roy so he asked how it was done.

POLICE

There is much complaining and nagging these days in Council meetings about the behavior of police force. Chief of Police Harry Ditzman is charged with failing to keep doggedly after parking meters, to see that every last cent of revenue is squeezed from them. He is charged with overstepping his bounds in having towed to a garage an abandoned truck parked on borough streets. He is charged with other inconsequential matters. We think the charges really are compliments to him and his work. The primary purpose of police is not to sniff out the last cent in every motorist's pocket—it is to preserve law and order.

STILL SEARCHING

This corner is still searching for low plate numbers on Pennsylvania operated cars. One car, number 100, is the lowest, if not the lowest number reported to date is held by Lyle Spangle, of Williamsport, Lycoming county detective, whose operator's plate number is in the 700's.

FEBRUARY EASY

We'd like to take this opportunity to thank the Westerman for February's weather. It hasn't been nearly as bad as we feared. Practically no real cold weather, very little snow and not much wind. In fact, there are times when we feel the cold side will hold out after all. You know in some years February will bring a solid week of weather in which the thermometer never gets above the zero mark. We missed that this year. But up until February we got all the winter weather going.

RIGHT AND WRONG

Bellefonte Council deserves the congratulations of the public in its current moves to make health certificates issued to persons employed in restaurants and eating places mean something. Council has appointed a borough physician, who will be required to examine all persons working in eating places. So far, so good. But it is indicated that the fee for each examination may be from \$7 to \$7.50, and since examinations are required twice a year, that means an annual expense of from \$14 to \$15. The applicant is responsible for the payment of the fee. At a recent Council meeting someone suggested that perhaps the restaurant owners would pay the fees in order to obtain help. We doubt it. One small restaurant in town employs 15 persons. If the proprietor should the expense of the health examinations it would mean an outlay of from \$210 to \$225 a year. He told us he couldn't afford it. Neither do we think restaurant wages are high enough for employes to pay for their own health examination. Frankly, we think a fee of \$7 or \$7.50 would be outrageous. We're pretty certain (Continued on page 2A)

Fire Damages Home at Boalsburg

Fire of undetermined origin destroyed the summer kitchen at the David Snyder home in Boalsburg about 1 a. m. Saturday.

Stepmother to Five—At 13

Mary Lou Brown, 13, sixth grade pupil of Wild Rose school, Sheldon, Mo., married Ralph Houdeshell, farmer living nearby, and became stepmother to five of her schoolmates. Her teacher said school records showed Mary Lou to be 13. The girl and Houdeshell gave their ages as 17 and 30 respectively.

Former Local Woman Aids In Packing Prisoner of War Parcels

"I'll list the articles of food as we packed them today. This is typical box although sometimes it varies in the case of meats, cheese, fruit, etc.: 1 lb can powdered milk, 7-oz. carton whole wheat crackers, 7-oz. can powdered chocolate drink, 1-lb box prunes, 3-oz. can coffee concentrate, 12-oz. can beef vegetable stew, 1 can pork meat product, 7-oz. can liver paste, 1 box vitamin tablets, 3-oz. can Cheddar cheese, 5 pkgs. cigarettes (Camele, Chesterfields or Raleighs), 1 pkg. salt and pepper, 1-lb can margarine, 4-oz. can soup, 2 small cans Swain soap, and a post card to be signed and returned by prisoner upon receipt of package.

Tucked away on a back page of one of the evening papers last night I came across this item: Stockholm, Feb. 5. The Red Cross ship Travancore arrived in Swedish waters today with parcels for Allied War prisoners in Germany. After a short stop at Gotesborg the Travancore will go on to Lubeck.

Since today was my turn at helping pack prisoner of war boxes, it meant more than just a new item. I should like to tell a little about these boxes as it is most interesting work and perhaps not too many people realize what these boxes contain and how much they mean to the men who receive them.

Each group works three hours with a ten-minute rest period. There is a morning and afternoon shift. Some of these workers come from 30 to 35 miles each way and spend three hours traveling time, to work three hours. But that is not unusual here. The workers are all ages. On (Continued on page Four)