

NEWSPAPER NOTES:

Newspaper workers have a saying that goes: a dentist extracts his mistakes, a doctor burys his, and a newspaperman puts his where everyone can see it.

POWER MANIA:

Power lawn mowers are becoming more common and national advertising is straining to make them even more popular.

MARGARINE MANNERISMS:

The fuss being raised in the Legislature over the sale of colored margarine seems unwarranted.

DRIVING DANGERS:

The writer on Friday was subjected to a session as a passenger in Bellefonte High School's driver-training car through the courtesy of John Weber, instructor, and Misses

Extension Of Bonus Deadline Approved

Legislation to re-open the time limit for applying for veterans' bonus payments and extend it to July 1, 1952, was passed by the State House of Representatives this week.

Centre County Native Was Foremost Canal Engineer

State Historian Cites James Harris Role

James D. Harris, great canal engineer during the early days of Centre county, was a native of the area, members of the Centre County Historical Society were told by Dr. Hubert Cummings, a member of the staff of the State Historical and Museum Commission, at their recent dinner.

Dr. Cummings said the Pennsylvania Historical Commission under the leadership of Dr. E. K. Stevens and the staff of the State Historical and Museum Commission, at their recent dinner.

This commission, he explained, had at length become interested in what was the greatest engineering project in this country in the second quarter of the 19th century.

In the searchers of its experts as to the reason for this work's existence and in its methods of construction they ran across the name of James D. Harris as an engineer so often that Dr. Cummings was chosen to find out something about this man.

While the Erie Canal through New York state had been completed in 1825, its entire territory was along comparatively level ground. The project for the Pennsylvania Canal was an entirely different layout, as it was to extend over steadily rising ground from Philadelphia to the Alleghenies, 45 in some way or other cross those high mountains, and to extend from there on a

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Conservation Camp Beneficial, Say Sportsmen

Since World War II, local sportsmen have become increasingly aware of the need to teach youngsters the value and importance of wise use of our natural resources, as well as the pleasure and benefits derived from hunting and fishing.

A natural product of this awakening consciousness, the Junior Conservation Camp, sponsored by the Pennsylvania Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs and Pennsylvania State College, will be operated this summer for its fourth consecutive year.

Four camp groups will spend 12 days each at the State College Forestry Camp in northern Huntingdon county. Camp costs will be borne by the sportsmen's clubs that sponsor the boys.

All subjects pertaining to the outdoors and natural resources will be taught the campers by specialists. "Never a dull moment" describes the life enjoyed by the fortunate campers. The boys live in roughly comfortable buildings and on the grounds of the forestry camp. They are high school sophomores and juniors and are usually selected by means of competitive examination. They are urged to organize junior sportsmen's clubs upon return to their home localities.

Charles W. Stoddard Jr. of State College and his capable staff direct and supervise the activities of the boys. Stoddard emphasizes the fact that human conservation is an aim and a natural result of the camping periods.

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College Plans Summer Work

Penn State Offers Over 500 Courses

The Pennsylvania State College is pushing plans for an extensive program of education this summer.

Dr. M. R. Traube, director of Summer Sessions, explains that more than 500 courses will be offered on the graduate and undergraduate level over a 12-week period.

An emergency schedule has been arranged to enable young men to begin college work before they become subject to call under the Selective Service Act and also to accelerate.

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Public Assistance Grants Show Decline

Total payments for public assistance grants in Pennsylvania again declined during February.

The month's expenditures amounted to \$9,800,000, or \$4,000 less than was spent for grants in January. The February decrease resulted from a further drop in the number of persons receiving assistance, which in turn was the result of a continuation of the rise in employment opportunities.

Centre Counties received \$49,659.50, the department said.

KNOW YOUR HEIRLOOMS

By TOM ORMSBEE

The appearance of a package frequently is the keynote to its success or failure. Eli Terry discovered this when he began making wooden work shelf clocks in quantity.

He put his new clock in a plain but well proportioned box-shaped case. It would be inaccurate to assume that this plain package was without buyers in a day when inexpensive timepieces were in demand.

But from it evolved an ornamental case which Terry named his "pillar and scroll-top." A handsome clock with the neat proportions of the earlier box case but with Sheraton details added, such as the valance bracket base, the slender colonettes ("pillars") and scrolled pediment, usually with brass urn finials, it was popular from the start.

It sold for only \$15 and though money was scarce, with the War of 1812 but recently over, the demand was so great that Seth Thomas, of Terryville, Conn., was known as "the pillar and scroll clock man."

As a result there were technical variations in the wooden movement and in the decoration of the case. Terry also continued to experiment and strive for improvement of his clocks, for instance, the escapement is outside the dial. With the one illustrated it is inside and not visible.

The pillar-and-scroll clock remained in favor for about twenty-five years. The largest production of it was in the Naugatuck Valley of Connecticut but Massachusetts had a less pleasing version with an American Empire flavor. There was also a Pennsylvania variation which housed an eight-day cast brass movement. These were made from about 1820 to 1850.

Because these clocks were made in quantity and in an era when good workmanship was the rule, a considerable number in good condition are still extant. They are deservedly popular now with those who want a beautiful old clock to go with their heirlooms. If such a clock has Eli Terry's label and if the painted glass in the lower half of the glazed door is original, it is worth many, many times the price asked by its originator.

Of course one with a Seth Thomas label is not to be passed up or even those of other makers who pirated the design but were nevertheless good craftsmen who recognized a good design and, according to the easy-going custom of the time, copied it.



A TYPICAL PILLAR AND SCROLL CLOCK Made by Eli Terry about 1820 it has a mahogany case with scrolled pediment and brass spired urn finials over slender colonettes or "pillars" that flank a glazed door. These details, as well as the valance bracket base show the earlier Sheraton influence.



Penna. Income Doe Season Median \$3135 Is Proposed

Pennsylvania Gains Half Million People Measure Provides Special Licenses

A new plan for holding antlerless deer seasons in Pennsylvania moved toward a vote in the House, Friday.

A bill, sponsored by Reps. Harris Breth (D-Clearfield) and George Goodling (R-York), went to the floor for initial action after winning approval by committee.

The measure would establish special licenses at \$1.10 each for the antlerless deer season. Present law permits hunters to hunt for both antlered and antlerless deer with the same license.

Breth said his bill is intended to help cut down what he termed the "unrestricted slaughter of antlerless deer in Pennsylvania."

It would accomplish this, Breth explained, by giving the State Game Commission the power for the first time to limit the number of special antlerless deer licenses to be issued in each county.

Since at the present time a hunter may hunt both the antlered and antlerless deer with the same license, there is no way of limiting the number of hunters during the antlerless season. The special license plan would impose such a limitation.

Under the bill, the Game Commission would designate, as in the past, the counties which would be open or closed to antlerless hunting. However, it would eliminate the present right of sportsmen and farmers within a particular county to declare it closed by petition.

Present law permits sportsmen and farmers in a county declared open by the commission to arbitrate the open season in the county by presenting a petition signed by 51 per cent of the licensed sportsmen and farmers in the county.

To insure that hunters in an open county would get their share of antlerless licenses, the bill provides that 60 per cent of the special licenses be sold in the county affected and the other 40 per cent sold at large by the commission.

The bill also would prohibit the issuance of the special antlerless licenses to out-of-State hunters.

The State Game Commission withheld comment on its opinion of the bill. It said it has not yet had time to study it in detail.

Car And Truck Collide Saturday

Damage estimated at \$275 resulted when a small truck and a car collided at Gill Street and Foster Avenue, State College, at 12:55 p.m. Saturday.

Borough police said the truck, owned by Mary S. Ballinger, of State College, was operated by Haniel Richard, also of State College. The car was driven by William A. Close, of State College.

No one was injured. According to the police report, Close was going south on Gill and applied his brakes when he saw the truck approaching. The two vehicles met in the intersection and the truck was overturned.

Damage to the truck was \$175, and estimated at \$100 to the car. Police said they planned no action on the accident.

Monument Sailor Serves In Guam

Walter G. Bechdel, machinist's mate, third class, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harris G. Bechdel, of Monument, is serving with the Navy's Industrial Department at the Naval Operating Base, Guam, P.I., which supervises 11 specialized shops and three floating dry docks. The floating dry docks are capable of servicing and repairing any ship in the Navy's Pacific Fleet.

None Injured As Car Overturns

A car operated by Mrs. Letha Bauer, of State College, overturned into a ditch near the Evergreens, east of State College, about 4:15 p.m. Thursday.

No one was injured in the accident. Most of the damage to the car was on the top. It was reported the vehicle went out of control after sliding on mud along the edge of the highway.

No Injuries Result In Auto Sideswipe

Cars operated by William Spicer, Jr., Bellefonte RD 2, and William Mincer, Lock Haven, sideswiped on a road two miles east of Jacksonsville at 7:30 p.m. Sunday. No one was injured.

The cars were traveling in opposite directions. Total damage was about \$225.

Leidy Stockholders Due For Sixth Dividend April 10th

Committee Hopes to Conserve Gas Field

The Leidy Prospecting Company is getting in a rut.

For the third time in a row and the third time this year, they declared a dividend of \$200 a share for the stockholders in the pioneer drilling company which opened up the new natural gas field.

Leidy board of directors have also decided to move to another field—to put down a "wildcat" on Summerson Mountain. Drilling is expected before June 1.

Both decisions were announced by J. W. Gullborg, president of the company following the monthly meeting of the board of directors.

This sixth dividend by the company makes a total of \$850 returned on a share of stock, originally sold at \$100. Stockholders of record as of April 5 will receive the new "dividend." Checks will be mailed on April 10.

The cut will go to approximately 200 persons who hold the 475 shares of stock. It will cost the company \$95,000 and will total more than \$400,000 paid out in dividends by the outfit, started by Dorcie Calhoun, which hit the discovery well.

Definite action has been taken to conserve the Leidy gas field. An association of key land owners in the Kettle Creek area, plus officers and stockholders in small, independent gas companies, has been

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Vivisection Is Before Senate

Abolition of Dept. Of Commerce Urged

A bill permitting medical institutions to use unclaimed dogs and cats from county pounds for experimental purposes is before the Senate Public Health Committee.

The animals must be unclaimed for at least ten days before institutions could obtain them.

The measure, introduced by Sen. Leroy Chapman (R) Warren, and Sen. Elmer Holland (D) Allegheny, would give the Health Department authority to license institutions annually.

It would be a misdemeanor for any person or institution to violate provisions of the act, with the department authorized to revoke licenses.

In another Senate activity, Holland continued his one-man crusade for abolition of the Commerce Department.

He said salaries alone total \$530,000 a biennium and that if "drones" were lopped off a "substantial saving" would result. He wants the main duties of the department to be transferred to the Internal Affairs Department. He charged that since the department was founded in 1939, it has been used "to promote political candidacies."

Majority leader John M. Walker defended the department and denied Holland's charges.

Two County Men Parachute In Korea

Two Phillipsburg brothers, Sgt. George Dombilsky, 28, and Sgt. Norman Dombilsky, 21, brothers of Mrs. Boyd Heaman, of Bellefonte, were among the 3,300 paratroopers who made a surprise assault landing near Seoul, Mar. 23.

The brothers also made an assault jump on the North Korean capital Oct. 20. They have been in Korea since last September.

George is a World War II veteran and has been in the service nine and a half years. Norman has been in the service four and a half years. They are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Dombilsky, of Phillipsburg.

New Housing

New housing completed since Feb. 1, 1947, is not subject to Federal Rent Control in Bellefonte unless a veteran of World War II had right of tenancy on June 30, 1947, and is still in occupancy.

Converted Dwelling

If a dwelling now subject to Federal Rent Control is converted to make additional self-contained units, it can be freed from control upon application to the rent office.

Cadet Honored

Cadet L. David Hall, of Snow Shoe, has earned Honor Roll status for the second term at the Valley Forge Military Academy, Wayne.

He was awarded Silver Stars denoting a general average of from 85 to 89 per cent, with no mark below 85.

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Traxler Is 6th Korea Casualty

Had Relatives in Bellefonte Area

Clinton county's sixth serviceman to give his life in Korea is Pfc. William F. Traxler, son of Mr. and Mrs. James P. Traxler, Salona.

According to a telegram received from the Defense Department, the soldier, who was 19, was killed in action in Korea March 8. No particulars were available.

Pvt. Traxler would have served three years in the Army in October. At that time he expected a furlough home, during which he and his fiancée, Miss Barbara Brown, 1 East Park street, were to be married.

He attended the Lock Haven High School before enlisting in the service Oct. 27, 1948. He was reared in Castanea, and attended the school there before transferring to Lock Haven High School.

His family resided in that city until several years ago when they moved to Salona. At present they are residing in Rote, but receive their mail in Salona. He was the oldest son in the family.

In addition to his parents, Pfc. Traxler is survived by the following

Da Asst. Kounty Agent Sawgt

Clair D. DeLong

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Reviews Letters of Dr. John Harris, Son of One Founder of Bellefonte

(By J. Thomas Mitchell)

John Harris was born at Millintown on December 31, 1792. He was brought to Bellefonte some two years later when the family moved to this place, was educated at the Bellefonte Academy and graduated from Dickinson College in 1813. Unlike his four brothers he was not interested in the art of surveying but took up the study of medicine under the tuition of the local physicians, Doctors Constans Curtin and Daniel Dobbin, and spent some time at the Medical School of the University of Pennsylvania.

Dr. Harris was married first to Eliza Hoge Walker, a niece of the judge of our local courts, and a granddaughter of Rev. John Witherspoon, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. His wife died in 1836 and two years later

er he was married again to Eleanor M. Orbinson, a sister of Rev. James Orbinson, the husband of John's niece, Nancy. That wife was active and energetic, very much interested in the early movements to better the conditions of womankind, and has been noted for her services in the Women's Work for the Civil War.

The letters begin with one dated Sept. 27, 1822, the year when the turnpike was being constructed over the Seven Mountains to Lewistown. It is directed to his brother, James D. Harris at Bellefonte and opens with reference to a "Dale" patent and their respective interests therein.

He asks his brother to see that he is properly registered as a citizen so that he can vote on the strength of owning two lots in Bellefonte, which in those days would give him that right as a property owner.

It is written from "Graysville," which seems to be one of those towns which has disappeared, where he complains that there is no society for his wife, but he expects a visit from his mother-in-law which he hopes will cheer her up. He speaks of a threatened law-suit of some nature which never materialized and winds up with a postscript that "a turnpike is now within a mile of my land in Wayne Township," Millfin County.

The next letter of Oct. 21, 1822, from the same place to his brother James, is written by his wife, saying that "the Doctor is disabled by a severe inflammation of his right hand," that he is ready to sell his Wayne township land, having an offer for it, and wants James to come and survey it for him. She sends her love to the father and mother

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