

BAKERTON BRIEFS

Mrs. Margaret Campbell has returned to her home in Philadelphia, after spending the week here with her niece, Mrs. William Lamont.

Mrs. J. Robert Dooley and daughters, Carolyn and Marcia, of Johnston City, N. Y., are guests at the home of Mrs. Dooley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Muir.

Mrs. Mary Deeghan and sons, Charles and James, and Charles E. Deeghan of Ronovo, were called here during the week because of the critical condition of Rev. Father Gerald J. Deeghan, who was injured in an auto accident last week.

Guests at the home of Mrs. Catherine Slesky are her son-in-law, Robert Sayles of Allentown, and her daughter, Miss Minnie Slesky of New York City.

Miss Hazel Stephenson has returned to her home in Erie, after spending a week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Polites, Sr.

Lt. Earl Lamont, of Childers, Texas, is spending a furlough here at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Lamont.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Panczak have been informed by the War Department that their son, Pfc. Henry W. Panczak was slightly wounded while fighting with an armored infantry outfit in France on August 4th.

Pfc. Panczak was inducted December 4, 1942. He received his basic training at Camp Wheeler, Ga., in March, 1943, was transferred to Camp Shenango, Pa. Shortly afterwards, he was sent overseas, arriving in Africa in time to take part in the invasion of Sicily. From Sicily he was sent to England, where he trained for the invasion of France. Pfc. Panczak was an employee of the Sterling Coal Company and was well known on the bowling teams in this section.

Pvt. Arthur Stephens of Sheppard Field, Texas, is spending a furlough here with his wife and family.

Stephen Stefanik, local postmaster, is spending the month in the state of New Hampshire, for his health.

Seaman Frank Cook, Jr., who had been serving in the Pacific for the past two years, is home on leave.

Mrs. Joseph Watson and son, Bobby, of Pittsburgh, are guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. August Bustinis.

Miss Mary Regan of Rochester, N. Y., is visiting at the home of her father, Mrs. James Regan.

Seaman and Mrs. Jihn Rivosa of New York, are visiting at the home of Charles Rivosa, the Seaman's father.

Seaman John Glinesky, stationed in California, with the Navy, is spending a leave here with his wife.

At a recent meeting of the Bakerton Victory Club the following were elected officers for the coming year:

Mrs. Dickson Pattison, president; Mrs. George Leslie, vice president; Stephen Stefanik, treasurer; John Polites, Jr., secretary; Mrs. Michael Schilling and Mrs. Wasco Smychynski, dance committee.

Bingo parties are held each week at the Miners' Hall on Wednesday evenings, and several dances have been held. Funds are being raised for Christmas parcels for the boys in service. A drive will be inaugurated in the very near future to secure the addresses of the boys and the cooperation of everyone will be greatly appreciated.

Yeoman Imelda Schilling of the WAVES, stationed at Washington, D. C., spent the week end here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Schilling.

Guests at the home of James Muffie, are his brother, Pete Muffie, and family, of Coupon, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. Nick Krynick are visiting with relatives and friends in Akron, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Cook and family of New Jersey, and Frank Cook of this place, motored to McKeesport, Pa., to visit relatives.

Seaman Frank Klegg, Jr., stationed at New York, spent a week end leave with his wife and parents.

Mr. Reynold Lamont has returned home after spending the week end in Akron, Ohio. He was accompanied by his daughter, Phyllis, who spent the summer months there.

Miss Ann Petryshak, of State College, has returned to that place after visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nick Petryshak, over the week end.

Delegates to the U. M. W. of A. convention at Cincinnati from Bakerton Local No. 1269, are John Polites, Jr., Bernard Collins and Edward Dowey. The convention sessions open on September 12th.

CEILING ON FIDDLES.

The ancient fiddle which grandpa bought and which you have been hoping all along may prove to be a Stradivarius has come again under price ceilings—if the instrument is definitely worth more than \$100. (If its a Strad, its worth thousands.) At any rate, OPA announces that among the several additional commodities which have been brought under the maximum price regulation for used consumers' goods must be included violins, violas, violincellos and string bases that are more than 25 years old and of a kind that sold new for more than \$100 at retail. "This is done," OPA says, "because these instruments appreciate rather than depreciate in value after a period of time and pricing formulas made for other types of used goods do not result in fair prices when applied to these instruments," and it might be well to hold on to the old fiddle, at that.

—The war isn't nearly over with Japan. Buy bonds and stamps.

How Girl Kept Up Family's Spirits

Made Them Believe Report Of Kin's Death Error.

WASHINGTON.—A strange story came to light recently of how a 14-year-old girl hoaxed her family into believing her half-brother to be alive for more than two months after the war department reported his death in Sicily.

Withholding the names of all principals, the federal bureau of investigation related the story as follows: The war department last November 13 notified the wife of a chief warrant officer from Birmingham, Ala., that her husband had died in Sicily October 24.

On December 23 the telephone rang in the family home and the girl answered. "New York calling," she said. After the conversation she told the family a Lieut. W. A. Henderson had told her there had been a mistake, that her half-brother was alive and being treated in a hospital.

"Long distance calls" kept coming, the girl answering each time. One sent three members of the family to New York seeking the soldier or Lieutenant Henderson. They found neither.

After another call, the girl said her brother would reach Birmingham the next day. The family met all trains. Still later she reported the soldier actually had reached Birmingham, but had become ill and was flown to a hospital in Pennsylvania.

When the FBI stepped into the case, it discovered the girl had learned how to make the phone ring on its own accord.

Why members of the family did not detect the fraud is not clear. The only FBI explanation is natural excitement under such circumstances. One brother even insisted he heard the soldier's voice as his sister talked.

The family decided to apply for the soldier's insurance, and the FBI has closed the case with this notation: "Subject (the girl) claims hoax perpetrated to give her family hope (—) alive. No effort to obtain any money or other thing of value. No prosecution."

Low Salt Diet Induces Sleep, Doctors Are Told

PHILADELPHIA, PA.—A drugless method of inducing sleep by reducing the salt in diet was reported to the American Psychiatric association by Dr. Michael M. Miller of the United States marine hospital, Ellis Island, N. Y.

The low salt diet was tried on 12 men. Six had been sleepless from morphine addiction, six from a variety of ordinary causes. Eleven found relief. In two to three weeks they began even to take afternoon naps. The twelfth man had bad effects and the experiment was discontinued for him.

Dr. Miller explained that in his search for a drugless method of inducing sleep, low salt diet was chosen because of experiments which showed that salt tends to rouse excitability of human nerves. He pointed out that lack of salt has perils, such as dizziness, trembling, nausea, apathy, fatigue and muscular weakness, and said that low salt diet should not be attempted without medical advice.

'Franklin Coming' Tip For Invasion of Africa

NEW YORK.—"Listen, Robert, Franklin is coming."

That sentence, broadcast by the BBC to French headquarters in Algiers, was the sole signal, says Andre Maurois, author, biographer and captain in the French army, to indicate D day for the Allied invasion of north Africa.

There was difficulty in arranging the password for the north African D day. After much discussion two words were found which both Americans and French pronounced the same.

The waiting Frenchmen challenged with "whiskey."

The invading Americans replied with "soda."

Noted Mind Reader Has Fine Answer for Court

NEW YORK, N. Y.—Joseph Dunninger, noted mind reader, answered the pay-off question when he appeared in traffic court charged with overtime parking—but it cost him money. Magistrate Anna M. Kross admitted Dunninger was correct when he told her she intended to send her daughter to Oberlin college.

"How about your fine?" she asked.

"I can read your mind, but I can't change it," said the mind reader.

"That's correct," the magistrate said. "You're fined \$4."

Dog Gives His Life In Rescue From Fire

SOMERVILLE, MASS.—A mongrel dog, Bud, barked a warning which possibly saved the lives of several persons who fled from their burning home, and then the dog collapsed and died of smoke inhalation.

The dog aroused two families before he was overcome by smoke.

Santa Has A Lot of Traveling to Do This Year!



Overseas Christmas Gifts Must Be Mailed Between September 15th, October 15th

SANTA'S OFF TO AN EARLY START THIS YEAR. HIS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS JOURNEY WILL TAKE HIM AROUND THE GLOBE WITH STOPS AT LITTLE SUN-BAKED ISLANDS IN THE PACIFIC, AT THE SNOW COVERED ALEUTIANS, IN AFRICAN DESERTS, IN RUINED FRENCH AND ITALIAN VILLAGES, AND IN THE CROWDED CITIES OF ENGLAND AND AUSTRALIA. YES, CHRISTMAS WILL COME AS USUAL TO OUR SOLDIER BOYS IN THE FAR OFF CORNERS OF THE WORLD . . . THE LITTLE GIFTS THAT ARE A TOUCH OF HOME AND A TANGIBLE PROOF OF LOVE FROM THE DEAR ONES BACK HOME WILL BRING GAYETY AND CHEER TO OUR BATTLE WEARY WARRIORS. MAIL YOUR GIFTS EARLY . . . DON'T DISAPPOINT THEM—YOU OWE IT TO THEM TO DO YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING EARLY.

Another Gable Contribution to the War Effort!
Gable's Will Package and Mail the Overseas Gifts Chosen Here **Postage Free!**

GABLE'S--Altoona

LISTENING TO WAR POW-WOW



LOOKING ON CRITICALLY while guarding the three-starred helmet of their master, these fox terrier puppies get the inside dope on what's in store for the Nazis. They belong to Lt. Gen. Omar Bradley and are shown as they attended an Allied war council in France. (International)

When calling War-busy Centers

Sometimes you may hear the LONG DISTANCE operator say—"Please limit your call to 5 minutes."

That's to let you know the lines are crowded and to help more calls get through quicker.

THE BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HELLWOOD BRIEFS

The Hellwood folks are happy to welcome the Thompson family, lately moving into our community.

NEW BILL AFFECTS THE PENSION CLAIMS OF ALL SERVICEMEN

Any family who has a serviceman reported missing in action should keep in mind a bill just passed by congress.

It affects the death pension claims of a serviceman's dependent survivors. The President almost certainly will sign it into law.

This is the main point of the bill: It prevents a surviving dependent from receiving—for the same period of time—both pension money and allotments of service pay.

It also prevents the Veterans' Administration, which pays out death pensions, from making its own decision as to when a serviceman died.

From now on the Veterans Administration—which sponsored the bill to avoid further confusion—must accept the findings of the War and Navy Departments as to when a Serviceman died.

Example: Pvt. Jones was first reported missing twelve months ago. Today the War Department notified his wife he must be considered dead.

Mr. Mazetti of this place passed away at the Indiana hospital on August 28th, after an illness of several months. The deceased leaves his wife and a son, who is now stationed in New Guinea. A solemn high mass was celebrated at St. John Baptist's Catholic church at Hellwood. Interment was in St. Bernard's cemetery, Indiana.

Mrs. Michael Gidash has returned from the Indiana hospital, where she underwent a serious operation.

The Hellwood schools opened for the 1944-45 term on Monday, August 28th.

Seaman First Class Tray Croyle is home on leave, from the Carribean Theatre.

Apprentice Seaman William Saunders is home on a ten-day leave, with his parents. He is stationed at Sampson, N. Y.

Wilfred I. Myers, apprentice seaman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Brice Myers, is home on furlough. He is attending Miami University at Oxford, Ohio.

Pvt. George Terloin, was home on a visit with his parents here over the week end. George is now stationed at Camp Campbell, Ky.

So, under the bill, the Veterans' Administration must consider Jones dead as of today. Pensions to his dependent survivors therefore would begin as of today.

Formerly, if the Veterans' Administration was convinced on evidence that Jones really died on a given ear-date, it could date the pension from that day.

Remember: All this business about pensions has nothing to do with insurance. The Veterans' Administration still can decide—so far as insurance is concerned—on the date of Jones' death, no matter what the war or navy department says.

Now life has more surprises: In Durban, South Africa, a man was able to get himself a wife by paying her dad \$88 plus seven cows. So what? So, into the office of the price controller there appeared a man who protested that his prospective father-in-law had jacked up the price to \$123 in hard cash. The father-in-law explained that the increased price of living had made it necessary for him to boost his price. The Controller allowed as how the problem was beyond his province. But, says Canada's Wartime Information Board which reported the incident, it proves that even this primitive man could see the solid common sense and usefulness of price control.