

Attorney Has Narrow Escape As Flash Flood Engulfs Car In Mud

Attorney Ferdinand Bionaz of Portage, public relations director of St. Francis College, almost knows what it is to be killed by quicksand—or mud in his case—as a result of the flash-flood which struck the Gallitzin area last Wednesday afternoon.

He was driving between Crosson and Gallitzin during the storm. He said the rain was so intense the highway was soon covered with water and it was impossible to tell where the edge of the pavement was.

As he drove along he noticed a rattle in the water ahead and not wishing to strike the submerged object causing the rattle, he turned his car to one side. As he did so, the auto quickly sank into a mud bank. The mud extended to the car's top on one side and half-way up the window glass on the opposite side.

The pressure of the mud prevented Atty. Bionaz from opening the doors or windows and he was trapped in the car. The mud and water seeped into the car nearly filling the interior.

He said he thought he was trapped about three-quarters of an hour and feared he would smother in mud as he had heard of victims doing in quicksand.

Finally a motorist came along. Seeing the attorney's plight he drove the front of his car as near as possible to the Bionaz car and clambered on the engine hood and succeeded in forcing the door glass of the nearly submerged car open enough so that Mr. Bionaz was able to crawl out on the hood.

The Bionaz car's upholstery, and his clothing and briefcase filled with papers were saturated with mud and the engine was surrounded by the sticky stuff.

Later several other motorists helped get the vehicle from its predicament and the car was taken to a Gallitzin garage.

4-Fs, Married Men May Be Called Soon For Army Induction

Pennsylvania's local draft boards may begin taking some married men and reclassified 4-F men by next month, state draft director, announced some calls will go out to these groups in the 19 through 25 age brackets in line with the nation's new draft law.

The new law provides for lowering the draft age from 18 to 18½ but specifies that no youths under 19 shall be inducted until the available pool—including non-veteran married men with no dependents and reclassified 4-Fs—have been exhausted.

Gross declined to estimate how many married men and reclassified 4-Fs in Pennsylvania the new draft law would hit.

The new law specified that physical and mental standards shall be lowered to the World War II level to bring in some 150,000 men 19 through 25 now classified 4-F.

Plane Lengthens Leaves of Seven North County GIs

Seven Northern Cambria GIs left by plane last Friday for Ft. Larrison, near Seattle, Wash., on what is believed to be the first leg of a journey to assignment overseas.

The seven men, with a group of 20 from Cambria County, all trained together first at Camp Chaffee, Ark., and later at Fort Sill, Okla., where they were members of Battery C, First Field Artillery Training Battalion.

They hustled home for 10-day leaves, plus another four days' delay en route, when they finished the advanced work at the Oklahoma base.

Since the men had to report to Camp Lawton by midnight last Saturday, they decided to travel by air so as to stretch their stay with family and friends as long as possible.

The group boarded All American Airways planes at Johnstown and then switch to Capital Airlines in Pittsburgh. The last change was made in Detroit, where Northwesters took charge.

Men from this area making the plane trip were Marie Conner, Barnesboro; Tony Forlino, Gallitzin; G. Capatosta, Gallitzin; Robert Shevenock, Gallitzin; George R. McKitch, Ebensburg, R. D. 2; Patrick Buck, Ebensburg, and James Hartack, Colver.

Miss Peggy Angus Wed At Gallitzin

Miss Peggy Angus, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Angus of 411 Main St., Gallitzin, became the bride of Rudolph Urban, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vendel Urban of Greely, Detroit, Mich., June 23. The ceremony was performed in St. Rita's Catholic Church in Detroit.

Attending the couple were Miss Shirley Angus, sister of the bride as maid of honor and Dale Tente, best man. The bride was given in marriage by her father.

A wedding breakfast was served to members of the immediate families in Miller's Steak House, Detroit. A reception was held in the home of the bridegroom's parents.

The bride is a graduate of Gallitzin High School and has been employed in Detroit, where the couple will reside after a wedding trip to Florida.

Boost In Milk Price Delayed 2 Weeks

A milk price increase scheduled for the Pittsburgh, Erie and Johnstown-Altoona areas on July 1 was postponed last Thursday by the State Milk Control Commission until July 15.

The commission said the additional time was needed to permit study of testimony taken at hearings at Pittsburgh, Erie and Hollidaysburg last week.

The new orders increase the Pittsburgh price one cent a quart to 22 cents for store sales, and 23 for home deliveries; Erie, one cent increase to 22½ cents and Altoona-Johnstown, one-half cent to 22¼ cents.

MAN KILLED BY AUTO
Phillipsburg—Frank C. Zeigler, 47, of Downingtown, was standing by his truck on the highway near here when he was struck and killed by an automobile. The car is believed to have skidded across the highway, pinning Zeigler against the side of his truck, which was owned by the Lehman Transportation Company.

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