

# OWL LAFFS



## A WISE OWL

Well! Now if we can just hold up over New Year week-end, everything will be O. K. As for Christmas I could fill the column!

We asked our maid if she had hung up any mistletoe this Christmas.

"Not me, I got too much pride to advertise for the ordinary courtesies a lady has a right to expect." What do you know!!

Have you, by any chance, ever seen a tall blonde garbed in a black new look dress, jitter-bug while wearing a pair of men's size 12 sheep-lined flying boots? It can be done, and adds something new to the dance.

A business man came into our office to have some circular letters printed to send to housewives advertising a January clearance sale. But he wanted to be very sure the letters were read before they were discarded, so when he said: "I want every married woman in the country to read this message."—Our alert advertising manager (married) replied: "I know just the way. We will address the letters to their husbands and mark them Personal and Private. That is a sure fire way."

A Florin girl gave her boyfriend a handmade tie for Christmas, and when he opened it, he remarked: "Why, this knitted tie is beautiful, darling, but what is the lump on the side."

His girl explained: "Oh, that is the big toe. It started out to be a pair of socks."

We suggest that instead of calling him Miser, a good nickname for him would be Scotty.

They could be ribbing me but someone told me a local lady went out to the Donegal Airport to wait her first airplane ride. Quite nervous when she entered the plane, she asked: "You will bring me back safe, wont you?" and the pilot was supposed to have answered: "I have never left anyone up there yet."

Coen vows he is going to get rough shod until the ice disappears.

I was sitting with my spouse behind a huge clump of Christmas green decorations on the sun porch of a certain home on Christmas Eve completely hidden from view, when a young man and a girl came and sat down on a divan nearby.

Suddenly my wife whispered: "Oh, he does not know we are here and he is going to propose. Whistle and warn him."

"What for? Nobody whistled to warn me," I growled.

O. K. So if she doesn't wanna talk to me, alright.

But I am not the only hubby not being spoken to by the little wife. A fellow on Donegal Springs Road is in the same shoes, and it happened very innocently. His wife had been shopping and remarked: "Everything is going up."

And without thinking, he replied: "Oh, I wouldn't say that. For instance, there is your opinion of me, my opinion of you and the neighbor's opinion of us both."

Little Mary's father had denied her request for a carbine rifle for Christmas. That night when she said her prayers she concluded with the petition: "And please do not give daddy any more children." He don't know how to treat those he has now.

Of course you know that Cappy was back east for Christmas and with him came a tall tale about Oklahoma winds that he relates thusly:—

Out in the great open spaces of

# SALUNGA

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Peifer had as their Christmas Day guests: Mrs. Lillian Sterringer and daughter, Miss Elizabeth, Mr. and Mrs. David Sterringer and son, Jack, Mr. and Mrs. Randall Patt and daughter Noreen and son, Randy all of Lancaster.

Miss Elsie Peifer, New York City, N. Y., is spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Peifer.

Mrs. Minnie Wehner, Columbia, spent Christmas Day with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Cooper.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Honberger and family, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Walter and daughter, Rebecca attended a birthday party held recently in honor of Mrs. Honberger's grandfather, Mr. Benjamin Sides at Elizabethtown who celebrated his 88th birthday.

The Misses Annie and Susan Breneman entertained at their annual Christmas dinner, Dr. J. S. Kendig and daughter, Mrs. Mary Minich, Mr. and Mrs. Benj. Kendig, Mr. and Mrs. Donald McClanaghan and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Benj. Kendig Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kendig, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Rudy and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. John Kendig, and son and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Newton Kendig, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Kendig, and Mrs. Naomi Kendig.

## News From Florin

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Mrs. Ross Ammon and children of Gap.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Bigler of Mt. Joy and Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Gladfelter of Reading called on Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Kauffman on Christmas Day.

Mrs. Helen Musser entertained Christmas Day, Mrs. Adah Eichler, and daughter Margaret, Jimmy Musser and Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Geib.

Mr. and Mrs. George Mumper Sr. entertained the following on Xmas Day: Mr. and Mrs. John Bender and son, LeRoy, of Milton Grove, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Bender and son and Mrs. Emma Boyer.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Kaplan of Muskogee, Okla., spent the Xmas holidays here with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Liggins entertained the following on Sunday: Mr. and Mrs. William Brian and son Jeffery, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Liggins Jr., and Albert Greisemere, of Lansdale.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Garber of Lansdowne, Pa., spent Christmas with Mr. A. D. Garber and family.

**Termites and Pecans**  
Termites usually live in dead wood and most people associate them with wood destruction. However, pecan nursery stock and small trees sometimes are killed by the feeding of termites in the roots. The tree may have its taproot or its branches tunneled until only a shell or the bark remains.

**Oil Consumption**  
Americans consume 420 gallons of oil products per person each year. Brits use 42 gallons and the peoples of all other nations average 14 gallons.

**They Grow Mushrooms**  
More than half of the nation's supply of mushrooms comes from two Pennsylvania counties, Chester and Delaware.

**Harder Than Steel**  
The fine-grained quartz rock called agate is harder than steel, although it is much more brittle.

**First News Dispatch**  
First news dispatch by telephone was sent to the Boston Globe by the Bell telephone in 1877.

**Odd Drinking Vessel**  
Roman soldiers carried a sponge for use as a drinking vessel.

**Electric Drill Born**  
Charles J. Van Depoele invented the electric drill in 1883.

Oklahoma the wind blows so hard that folks often use it to ride to town on. One day a visitor had noticed a chain hanging near the ranch house. He asked Cappy what purpose it served.

"Well, stranger," Cappy replied "when I wake up in the morning I peek through a crack in the ranch house and look at that there chain. If it is a-hangin down everything is all right. But if the chain is a-sticking straight out from that there limb, I figger it is too windy for me to work."— He will never change.

And now to wind up the short, short year of 1948, we wish all of you a "Very Prosperous and an Exceedingly Happy New Year!"

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## REG'LAR FELLERS



**Indians Had Rubber Balls**  
When Columbus landed on the island of Santo Domingo on his first voyage he found the young Indians playing with balls made of elastic resin. He took samples of this resin back to Ferdinand and Isabella and it became known in the Spanish language as cauchó. Joseph Priestley, the famous discoverer of oxygen, saw a small ball of this elastic gum in 1770. He found that when it was rubbed over pencil writings it eliminated them, so he called it rubber.

**An American Discovery**  
Heard island, southeastward from Prince Edward, is 2,450 miles southwest of the nearest corner of Australia, its claimant. Much larger than Prince Edward, it is 25 miles long and 11 miles at its broadest. It points toward France's Kerguelen isles, 260 miles northwest, all being volcanic-island outcroppings of the same submarine ridge. Heard went undiscovered until 1853, when Capt. John Jay Heard, in the American bark "Oriental," charted it.

**Sutter's Mill**  
Sutter's mill, where gold was discovered January 24, 1848—just 100 years ago—was a complicated thing to be built by primitive tools and materials. The historic site is on the American river, 45 miles above Fort Sutter, Calif. It was in the tail race of this mill that James Marshall, an eccentric carpenter who worked for Sutter, found the glittering yellow particles that started the California gold rush.

**Farm Fire Protection**  
Department of agriculture estimates that the damage caused by gasoline and kerosene fires costs American farmers approximately six million dollars annually. Incorrect storage of these liquids is responsible for the loss. Underground tanks provide the best protection for large amounts of flammable liquids, while galvanized steel gas or oil cans are best for small amounts.

**First Lincoln Road**  
The swamp trail that was the forerunner of Lincoln road, one of America's most beautiful shopping streets, was blazed across Miami Beach in 1905 by woodsmen who were gathering mangrove bark for tannic acid. The thoroughfare in its modern form was created by the late Carl G. Fisher, pioneer developer of the resort city.

**Seal of the United States**  
The seal of the United States is carried over from the Continental Congress. The design was adopted June 20, 1782, after the matter had been pending for six years. The seal has been recut three times, in 1841, 1883 and 1902, but always in strict compliance with the original design.

**Railroads Use Water**  
Approximately 600 billion gallons of water are required annually to quench the thirst of locomotives and to supply other needs of the railroads of the United States. This would be sufficient to fill a channel 600 feet in width and 9 feet deep reaching from New York City to San Francisco.

**Fight Against Gypsy Moth**  
The gypsy moth has stripped leaves from an estimated 1,500,000 acres of New England's forests in two years. It was a losing fight until 1944 when the first experimental application of DDT sprayed from an airplane was made in Pennsylvania.

**Mud Made to Order**  
It may seem strange to pump mud into a hole being made in the earth, but that is what drillers do when sinking an oil well. However, it is not the mud pie variety but a scientifically treated mud, made to order by the mud engineer.

**Thirsty Tobacco Plants**  
Water is the life of young tobacco plants. This applies to seed in the sprout or to the young plants just beginning to take root. When water is present the plants or seeds live; when it is not present they die.

**Save Fats**  
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## THE LOW DOWN

**HICKORY GROVE**  
You know folks, I am not going to beat around the bush, mince words, or pussy-foot—I have concluded that the New Deal needs to be branded just precisely what it is—Socialism. The New Deal has turned out to be just another 4-bit brass watch. And not like a circus watch where you are out a dead horse on our backs for a few years to come. Even our granddaughter and grandson will taste the bad flavor—and keep on paying.

But something has gotta be done. We are up to our chin in Socialism. Not far around the corner is a Government precisely like England floundered into. England is now stuck with it—nobody is happy there, or likes the mess. But that is the way it is—they can like it or lump it.

So here in our own "Promised Land" we have more to do than sit idle and see the country go A La Europe. The horse is gone—I admit that—debt is sky high—the income tax place gives us a nightmare—but maybe the barn can be saved. It would leave at least a roof over our head.

Sisters and brothers, few of you want socialism—I do not want it. It is time for a knock-down and drag-out or we are a dead duck. Tell your congressman—and do not mince words—I am telling mine.

Yours With The Low Down  
JESS

**GEORGE McCUE LEADING THE LEAGUE IN SCORING**  
Playing his first year of varsity basketball, Georgie McCue, a Mt. Joy forward, is setting a torrid pace in the County High School Basketball League, having netted 51 points in his first three games. The average of 17 points per game gives him undisputed first place in the scoring ladder as the teams relax for the holidays. Second place is held down by Columbia's Dean Keller, with 45 points and Doug Evans, of Manheim Boro, is third with 40.

**ERROR REPORTED IN LOCAL RECENT BOWLING RECORDS**  
Officials at the Lincoln Bowling Lanes in Mt. Joy Thursday announced that the 298 single rolled there Wednesday night by Jack Haas, of Manheim, was not the highest recorded in Mt. Joy, but that it was the highest since the Lancaster Co. League has been sanctioned by the American Bowling Congress.

Prior to that time, a 300 game was rolled by Charles Derr of this place.

**AMONG OFFICIALS APPROVED**  
Fourteen city and county men have passed examinations and have qualified as basketball officials in District 3 of the Pa. Interscholastic Athletic Association. Among them are William S. Barnhart, E-town; Ragner F. Hallgren, this boro; Harry D. McMullen Jr., Marietta; and Jack W. Ray from Florin.

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