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About People You
Know in Collegeville

Surgical Patient at Montgomery
Mrs. Arthur Rasmussen, of First avenue, was admitted to Montgomery hospital as a surgical patient on Monday. Her condition Wednesday morning, following an operation on Tuesday, was reported as favorable.

Prof Bailey at Montg. Hospital

Prof. Everett Bailey, of Fircroft Hall, an instructor at Ursinus College, was admitted to Montgomery hospital on Sunday suffering with a kidney-stone condition. At noon Wednesday his condition was reported as much improved. Prof. Bailey will probably remain at the hospital for several more days for observation.

Vacationing in Florida

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph E. Miller, and Dr. and Mrs. William H. Clamer, Philadelphia, left on Wednesday for a trip to Florida. They will be gone for several weeks.

Fifteenth Wedding Anniversary

On Saturday night a surprise party was given by relatives at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Omrod to congratulate them on their 15th wedding anniversary. Each brought a lovely gift of crystal, and refreshments were served. Guests were: Mr. John Miller, Miss Verna Miller, Mr. Paul McClure, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Poley and family, Mr. and Mrs. William Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Pennacker, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Miller, and Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Sommers.

Mr. Warren Essig is confined to his bed with pleurisy.

A son, Clyde, was born last week at Homeopathic hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Elmer McCormick of Pottstown R. D. 3. Mrs. McCormick will be remembered as the former Nellie Silkmitter of near Evansburg.

Mrs. J. Truman Ebert has returned home after spending a week with her son, Mr. Donald Ebert and wife of Toledo, Ohio.

Mrs. Ruth Sedlmeyer of Collegeville R. D. was admitted to Montgomery hospital as a surgical patient on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Hoffman of Norristown and Mr. Elmer Parker of Huntingdon, Pa., were Monday guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Longaker of "The Lanes".

Mrs. Floyd Mulford of Fifth avenue entertained members of a local card club at her home on Monday evening.

Mrs. Harry Ely of Germantown was a guest of Mrs. Ralph Miller of Clamer avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. John Rowland were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. P. K. Butler of Lancaster.

Prof. Reginald Sibbald is accompanying Rev. Charles Allen to Bethlehem on Thursday to address a Men's meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Gottshalk of Pennington, N. J., visited on Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Gottshalk of Rahns.

Mrs. F. T. Wilson and daughter Miss Muriel Wilson of Philadelphia were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Kimby.

Annual Collegeville Fire Co. roast beef supper, Saturday, March 30. (Continued on page 4)

MISS A. F. GRABER GRADUATED
FROM U. OF P. ON SATURDAY

Miss Anne Frieda Graber, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Graber of 465 Main street, Collegeville, was among the 300 students who received degrees in course from the University of Pennsylvania on Saturday at the mid-year Convocation of the University Council.

Miss Graber, who has been a teacher in the Bryn Mawr grade schools for a number of years, was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Education.

Auxiliary to Fete Legionnaires

The members of the Byron S. Fegely Post, American Legion Auxiliary will serve a covered dish supper to the "Boys" of the Post and their wives, in the cafeteria of the new C-T high school on Saturday, March 2, at 6:30 p. m.

For The Independent

WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY

A day that ever will remain a sacred link in memory's chain, reminding us of the debt we owe.

A debt we never can repay, but on our leader's natal day we can review the years of strife, that ushered in our Nation's life.

The valiant men who left their farms in answer to war's wild alarms, and sacrificed through weary years while waiting eyes were dim with tears.

They fought until the war was won, led by our noble Washington! The first in when needed there, the first in when peace he could declare.

American home of the brave, our story banner still doth wave above a Nation strong and free! Our well loved land of Liberty.

MRS. HENRY ARMSTRONG, Dorchester, Mass.



JAN PEECE

Jan Peerce Concert
at Ursinus Tonight

**Famous Tenor of Radio Fame
Will Sing Numbers Acclaimed at
"Town Hall Appearance"**

The program of the concert-recital to be presented by Jan Peerce, famous tenor star of radio, opera, and concert, in Bomberger Hall, Ursinus College, this Thursday, Washington's Birthday, at 8 o'clock, is similar to the one which brought him an "avalanche of applause" last November in Town Hall, New York City.

The Peerce concert is the initial presentation of the Bomberger Committee headed by Charles Steinmetz '40, who plan to bring famous personages to the Ursinus campus at stated intervals throughout the year.

The Peerce program consists of 4 groups of songs, including French and German groups, and closing with three familiar numbers in English. Werner Bass will accompany Mr. Peerce at the piano.

The first group, including two songs by Handel and one by Leg.

Ditter Denounces Collectivism
At Founders' Day Exercises

"The full development of the individual in all his faculties should be the prime purpose of society," declared Congressman J. William Ditter in the Founders' Day address last Thursday at Ursinus College, speaking on "The Challenge of Individualism". Member of Congress from Montgomery County, Mr. Ditter upheld the principle of the rights and dignity of the individual.

"Society is but the sum and total of those who make it up," he stated. "Therefore, according to Mr. Ditter, the state should be the tool and creature of its citizens. He opposed the philosophy, enunciated by Mussolini, which holds that the state is all-wise, an end in itself, while its leaders are all-knowing, without conscience or restraint."

Mr. Ditter described the dangers that might result from the "demand that power and freedom be exchanged for safety and security." He said, "Decadence always comes in the wake of complete security; progress is made through the spirit of adventure. Collectivism always will give stagnation and decay."

Individualism from the standpoint of the citizen, the speaker

VIRGIL SOMMERS TO OPEN
HOME FOR FUNERALS HERE

Virgil G. Sommers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Sommers, of Collegeville, announces the opening of a Home for Funerals this week. The establishment will be known as the Sommers Home for Funerals and will be conducted at 445 Main street, Collegeville.

Sommers is a graduate of Collegeville high school and the Eckels College of Embalming in Philadelphia. After graduation from the Philadelphia school, he finished his training by an apprenticeship with an Ardmore firm.

G. O. P. BORO CAUCUS TO BE
HELD HERE FRIDAY NIGHT

Squire Arthur Rasmussen, Republican Borough Committeeman, has announced that an open caucus by the members of the Republican party of Collegeville Borough will be held in the Collegeville Fire Hall on Friday evening, February 23 at 8 o'clock to select the local candidates for the coming April primary elections.

The offices to be considered are borough tax collector, borough committeeman and borough committeewoman.

A daughter was born last week at Riverview hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Stanley of Collegeville R. D.

Edwin Smith Home
Destroyed by Fire

**Well Known Orchard Proprietor
Nearly Trapped as Residence
Burns to Ground Near Trappe**

Fire of unknown origin completely destroyed the home of Edwin Smith, well-known orchard proprietor, located at Smiths corner on the Lower Lewis road about a mile west of the Trappe borough line, early Monday morning.

Fanned by a high wind accompanying the rain storm then in progress, the two and one-half story stone structure was burned to the ground in an hour and a half. Only the stone walls remain. The loss was estimated at \$5500, largely covered by insurance according to the report of Edgar J. Weaver, Trappe Fire Company chief.

The fire was discovered about 3:15 a. m. by Mr. Smith, who lived alone. Smith was nearly trapped in his bedroom by the blaze. Awakened by the dense smoke in his bedroom Smith, half choked with smoke made his way to the bathroom to find the room a mass of flames. After making futile efforts to extinguish the fire he grabbed a small box filled with valuable papers and fled across the street in his night clothes to the home of Robert Merrill, his son-in-law.

The cause of the fire has not been determined. Smith said the fire evidently started in the bathroom which was located over the kitchen in a frame addition attached to the main house which was of stone construction. However, the kitchen fire was not burning that evening according to Smith. The home was heated by a hot water heater in the cellar.

The owner saved only his negotiable papers, which he had secreted in a box. All furniture, clothing and other contents, including a new piano, were reduced to ashes, together with \$15 in cash. The wind carried the flames away from a large cold storage shed to the rear of the home, in which Smith stored apples and peaches from his orchards.

The Trappe Fire company and the Humane and Friendship companies of Royersford responded to the alarm. However, the firemen were unable to do anything but apply booster lines to nearby buildings because of the lack of water. The alarm was spread by Robert Merrill, son-in-law of the owner, living in a home on the opposite side of the highway, who dashed to the aid of Smith.

COMMUNITY CLUB NOTES

Seniors to Entertain Juniors

The Collegeville Community Club will meet Wednesday evening, Feb. 28, in the local Fire hall (please note change of place) at 8 p. m. Feature of the meeting will be the annual entertainment of the Junior Club members. The Singer Sewing Machine Company will give a demonstration of their product.

Sauer Kraut Supper Sat. Nite

The Senior Club will hold a sauer kraut supper this Saturday evening, Feb. 24, in Hendricks bldg. from 5 to 8. This supper is to raise funds to help meet the budget for the ensuing year.

THOMPSON-SPRAGUE WEDDING
TO BE HELD THIS SATURDAY

Miss Elizabeth Sprague, daughter of Mrs. Alice L. Sprague, 346 Walnut street, Pottstown, will become the bride of Mr. Frank Thompson, of Reading. The wedding will take place Saturday at 2 p. m. in St. Andrew's Reformed church, Reading.

Miss Caroline Lightowler, Pottstown will attend the bride and Lee Schaeffer of Reading will be best man.

The couple will reside at 352 Walnut street, Pottstown. Mr. Thompson is employed at the Bethlehem Steel plant, Pottstown.

NOTES from HERE and THERE

Mrs. Jacob Gerges, Royersford R. D. 1, was admitted to Phoenixville hospital as a medical patient on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Miller of Limerick celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary over the week-end.

A daughter was born Tuesday morning at Montgomery hospital to Mr. and Mrs. George Koscherreck of Schwenksville.

A son, David, was born Monday morning at Montgomery hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Howard Michener of Fairview Village. Mrs. Michener will be remembered as the former Dorothy Adair.

A daughter was born Friday night to Mr. and Mrs. George Oelschlagel of Graterford at their home.

Skiptack Firemen to Entertain
Collegeville Fire Co. Members

J. Edgar Grater, president of the Collegeville Fire company, announces that an invitation has been received by the company from the Skiptack Fire company to be their guests at the Skiptack Fire hall on Friday evening, March 1, at 8 o'clock.

Those wishing to attend will please get in touch with the Secretary, Freeland S. Cornish, on or before Feb. 25, for reservations. The caravan will leave the local Fire hall at 7:30.

Mrs. M. T. Miller, 92,
Dies at Trappe Home

**Second Oldest Resident Passed
Away at Her Home on Sunday
Following a Short Illness**

Mrs. Mary T. Miller, aged 92 years, second oldest person in Trappe, a native and lifelong resident of this section, died Sunday at her home. Although she had suffered a stroke some time ago, she was seriously ill for only a few days.

Trappe's oldest resident is Samuel Poley, a close neighbor, who was born 6 months before Mrs. Miller.

Mrs. Miller was a member of Augustus Lutheran church. She was born on the former Haldeman homestead, now owned by William Simmons, located only a short distance from her present home. She resided with her grand-daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Z. Hoyer and family. Mrs. Miller was the widow of the late Samuel T. Miller of Trappe who died in 1913.

Mrs. Miller was very remarkable for her activity considering her age. Last summer at the age of 91 she was able to potter around in the garden and until only recently helped with the chores around the house.

The elderly woman is survived by one grand-daughter, Mrs. Harry Z. Hoyer; one great-granddaughter, Dorothy Hoyer; and three brothers, Abraham Haldeman, Rahns; George Haldeman, Philadelphia, and Jacob Haldeman, California.

Funeral services will be held this (Thursday) afternoon at one o'clock from the funeral home of Charles J. Franks, with Rev. W. O. Fegely officiating. Burial will be in Augustus Lutheran cemetery.

THE DEATH ROLL

Mrs. Harry Johnson

Mrs. Alice Rambo Johnson, aged 76 years, wife of Harry W. Johnson, died at her home at Parkerford last Wednesday morning. Mrs. Johnson had been ill for eight days, and death was caused by a heart condition and other complications. Mrs. Johnson was born in Gulph Mills, the daughter of the late Adjalon and Matilda Shantz, and prior to her marriage was a teacher in the public schools of East Vincent Township. She was a life long member of the Parkerford Baptist Church. Last May, Mr. and Mrs. Johnson celebrated their fifty-fifth wedding anniversary.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by three sons: H. Milton, of Lancaster; Russell C. Sixth avenue, Collegeville; and R. Wayne, Parkerford; also one brother, Wayne S. Shantz, Philadelphia, and seven grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted privately at the home last Saturday with interment in the Parkerford Baptist cemetery.

Josiah B. Schlottterer

Josiah B. Schlottterer, aged 84 years, of Zieglerville, died Sunday at his home after an illness of several weeks with the grippe.

Mr. Schlottterer was active in civic affairs and politics for many years in this section. He was tax collector in Frederick township for a number of years.

Surviving are his wife, Eunice, and the following children: Mrs. Emma Shelley, Zieglerville; Mrs. Ada Bertolet, Norristown; Grover Schlottterer, Boyertown; Mary, wife of Amos Koppenhauer, Norristown, and Annie, wife of Justis Myers, Barren Hill.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon from the Charles J. Franks Funeral Home, Trappe, with interment in Augustus Lutheran cemetery.

Mrs. Stella K. Richard

Stella K. Richard, wife of Elmer Richard, of Schwenksville, died last Wednesday, aged 54 years, at Riverview hospital following an abdominal operation.

She is survived by her husband, four sons, Noah, Clyde, Wesley and Elmer, Jr., all at home, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Noah Krause, of Schwenksville, eight sisters and brothers.

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Red Cross First Aid
Class Organized Here

**Mr. Albert Hopwood of Yerkes
Named Instructor of Group;
To Meet Monday Evenings**

The organization meeting of the First Aid Class sponsored by the American Red Cross was held Monday evening in the Collegeville Fire Hall.

Mr. Edwin Johnson, chairman of the Collegeville Branch, welcomed the class, after which Mr. Esterline, representing the Southeastern Chapter, spoke briefly about the scope and need for first aid training. He then introduced Mrs. Albert E. Hopwood of Yerkes, who will instruct the class. Mrs. Hopwood holds an instruction certificate which represents sixty hours of class work in first aid.

The group decided to hold meetings every Monday evening at 7:00 p. m. It is essential that those who wish to take the course register at the next meeting to be held February 26, at which time text books will be distributed. There is no charge for the course, the only requirement being that a text book must be purchased, the cost of which is sixty cents.

LAST OF STORM CLOGGED
ROADS OPENED MONDAY

According to all available reports the last of the snow clogged roads in this section were opened on Monday.

Bucking their puny efforts against the strength of the record Valentine Day blizzard, considered by many to be next in order to the memorable blizzard of 1888, men by the thousands worked on the tremendous task of opening highways from the grip of a wind-drifted snow.

Although the fall in this section was estimated at only 6 1/2 inches the heavy, frozen, salt-like accumulation whipped by a fierce gale blocked many roads with drifts 10 feet deep.

Wednesday night and Thursday morning the only roads open in this section were the Ridge and Germantown pikes. All other roads were snow bound.

Early Thursday evening the Gravel pike was opened and later

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STORK VISITS WOMAN AFTER
SNOW PLOWS CLEAR WAY

A baby girl was born to Mrs. Alfred Petroski, Limerick, in the Sacred Heart hospital, Norristown, Monday at 5:30 p. m.

Condition of mother and daughter was reported "good".

Mrs. Petroski was removed to the hospital Saturday morning after 50 men had worked for six hours to clear the snow-clogged road to her home of six foot drifts. Four plows and two State Policemen, troopers Asper and Geist, headed the road clearing operations.

As soon as the road was open Dr. Herbert Kaplan, of Collegeville, attending physician, rushed the woman to the hospital.

A year ago, said Dr. Kaplan, Mrs. Petroski was the mother of twins.

MORE WAREHOUSE SPACE
FOR TIRE PLANT AT OAKS

Construction of additional warehouse facilities, adding approximately 100,000 square feet of space at the B. F. Goodrich Company plant in Oaks, is announced by A. W. Phillips, general manager of the Company's Oaks Division. Construction work will start shortly.

SCHOOL PUPILS SEE

THE INDEPENDENT PRINTED

Twenty-seven boys and girls of the third and fourth grades of the Collegeville schools visited The Independent office on Wednesday afternoon to witness the operations necessary to produce a newspaper. The pupils, accompanied by their teacher, Miss Catherine Detwiler, were shown the typesetting "Linotype" machine, the newspaper press, folder, and job presses in operation. Each pupil carried away a Linotype slug bearing his name as a memento of the visit.

The visitors included: Third grade—Harry Elliott, Thomas Hart, John Manning, Curtis Miller, James Figiel, Henrietta Cooke, Betty Fenstermacher, Margaret Werner.

Fourth grade: William Bloomer, Harvey Carter, George Cooke, Glenn Dewane, Dana Hammond, Philip Hankins, Roland Johnson, John Keyser, Richard LaRose, Charles Lutz, Russell Lutz, Richard Ward, Nevin Yost, Marie Badman, Mary French, Sue Hunsberger, Nancy Schodde, Gene Ross, Helen Figiel.

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Beatrice Copenhafer, Graterford,
Weds Jacob Landis, Hatfield

Miss Beatrice Copenhafer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Isaiah Copenhafer of Graterford and Mrs. Jacob Landis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Isaiah Landis of Hatfield were married on Sunday evening, February 18, at 7:30 o'clock by Rev. J. K. Bowers, minister of the Brethren in Christ Church, Graterford, at his home in Trappe. The bride's mother witnessed the ceremony.

C-T Basketeers Beat
Royersford High Here

**27-23 Win Puts Colonels in Tie
for Montco League Lead; Girls
Take First Place with 18-11 Score**

The Collegeville-Trappe high basketball combinations kept up their fast pace by taking both ends of a double-header from Royersford high in the new C-T gym Friday evening. The Colonels, who are continuing to show improvement in every game, obtained sweet revenge for an early season defeat at Royersford.

Coach Stratton's boys turned back a strong invading Royersford quintet, 27 to 23, to topple the "Forders" from first place and at the same time hoist themselves into a tie with East Greenville for the honors.

The Colonels held a comfortable lead thruout the game, except for a futile spurt in the final period

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REV. PHILIP WEISS TO FILL
LIMERICK CHARGE ONLY

Rev. Philip Weiss, formerly pastor of the combined charges of Heidelberg Reformed Church, Schwenksville, and St. James Reformed Church, Limerick, has resigned as pastor of the Schwenksville congregation and will take full charge of the Limerick congregation. He will move to Limerick.

The two churches which had been conducted by one pastor for many years will now for the first time in history be entirely separated and conducted as two separate charges. The two congregations split over the issue of whether to retain Rev. Weiss or elect a new pastor.

Who the Heidelberg congregation is favoring to replace Rev. Weiss has not been announced. An election will take place in the near future.

ATT. H. OBER HESS SWITCHED
TO NEW STATE POSITION

Att. H. Ober Hess, of near Trappe, was switched to a new State job at Harrisburg on Monday. He was named to the position of legal assistant in the State department and supervisor of the Bureau of Legislation.

Several weeks ago Hess was given the job of acting elections bureau director for Pennsylvania. The new job will pay \$3600 a year, the same as the original job.

He was shifted to the new post when Commonwealth Secretary announced the appointment of Gene Smith, 33-year-old Allentown attorney, as State elections bureau director and deputy secretary in the State department at an annual salary of \$5,000.

PERKIOMEN SCHOOL BOARD
GETS \$94 FROM STATE

School authorities of Perkiomen township, Montgomery county, were given a check for \$94.56, their share of \$25,783 approved to school districts throughout the state last week.

The money was a reimbursement for the education of children placed by court.

POTATO GROWERS TO MEET
AT CENTER POINT, FEB. 27

A potato growers meeting will be held at Center Point, Tuesday afternoon, February 27, at 1:30.

County Agent R. G. Waltz announces that the speakers will be Dr. O. D. Burke of Pennsylvania State College, and A. L. Hacker, County Agent of Lehigh County. The speakers will discuss disease control and general potato management practices.

All potato growers in the county are invited to the meeting.

Keystone Grange is planning a baked ham supper in the Grange Hall on Saturday evening, March 2.

Watches, Diamonds, Wedding Rings A. E. Willauer, Jwlr., 217 High St. Opposite Hip. Theatre, Pottstown

Contract Plastering—D. J. Kerlin & Son, Pottstown Landing, Ph. 991

Plumbing, Heating, Stokers, Oil Burners, Roofing—A. J. Ecker, 144 King, Pottstown

About People You
Know in Trappe

Lillian Hall Property Sold

The property of the late Miss Lillian Hall on West Seventh avenue was recently purchased by a Mr. Gordon of Norristown whose son and family are now residing there. Mr. Gordon is employed with the Westinghouse company.

Messrs. William and Richard Anderson vacated the Hall property and moved to Philadelphia last week. Mr. William Anderson is an employee in the Philadelphia court.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl F. Bowers, Misses Flora Hess, Ruth and Emma Hunsberger and Kathryn Poley, Raymond Hess and Irwin Tyson attended the Bible Conference of the Brethren in Christ Church at Grantham College, Grantham, N. C., during the week-end.

Mrs. H. Marshall Thurlow of State College is spending some time at the home of Miss Sue Fry.

Mr. and Mrs. William Harlan of Roxborough and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Burns of Collegeville visited Mr. and Mrs. Elmer E. J. Burns and family on Saturday.

The February meeting of the Upper Providence Home and School Association last Thursday was cancelled due to the blizzard.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob H. Bowers visited Mr. and Mrs. Earl Garis and family of Souderton on Sunday. They also attended the Young People's Conference and revival service in Souderton.

Miss Adelaide Grater spent the week-end in New York City as the guest of Miss Myrtle Dunn.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Greiner and family were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Greiner and family of West Chester on Sunday.

The Pal O' Mine Club will meet at the home of Miss Pauline Hawk of Pottstown on Monday evening, February 26th.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest M. Pennacker and daughter Elaine spent

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FRUIT GROWERS TO MEET
AT TRAPPE GRANGE HALL

The annual winter meeting of the fruit growers will be held in the Grange Hall at Trappe, Thursday, February 29. The meeting will open at 10:30, which will be followed by a dinner and the program continued in the afternoon.

The speakers will be Mr. J. O. Pepper, who will discuss insect control, and Dr. R. S. Kirby will discuss diseases. Both of the speakers are Extension Specialists from Pennsylvania State College.

A reel of moving pictures showing planting and cultivation of orchards on the contour to prevent soil erosion, will be shown.

RAMBLING AT RANDOM

BY JAY HOWARD

Why was major Wm. J. Ruch "fired" from the State Police on Monday? The public is entitled to an explanation!

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February — Month of Patriots

This month we celebrate the birthdays of America's best-loved patriots and statesmen and this week we honor, in particular, the name of George Washington. It has been said that "That nation has not lived in vain which has given the world Washington and Lincoln . . ."

Lincoln, the Great Emancipator, spoke thus of Washington: "Washington is the mightiest name on earth—long since mightiest in the cause of civil liberty still mightiest in moral reformation. On that name no eulogy is expected. It cannot be to add brightness to the sun or glory to the name of Washington is alike impossible. Let none attempt it. In solemn awe pronounce the name and in its naked deathless splendor leave it shining on."

Press Opposes Discrimination

At its annual meeting, the New York State Publishers Association passed this significant resolution by unanimous vote: "Resolved that it is the belief of this Association that retail merchandising, which so intimately touches the pocketbooks of wage earners and consumers generally, should be free from all unjust, punitive and discriminatory taxation, local, state and Federal, in whatever form imposed."

This is not an isolated instance—Press associations in many states, representing big dailies and little weeklies, have gone on record with similar resolutions. And that is a highly important fact. For America's working newspapermen are second to none when it comes to understanding and analyzing America's problems. They know full well that millions of families have an exceedingly difficult time in making both ends meet — and that the higher costs which inevitably follow punitive taxation would be a harsh blow to their welfare and standard of living. They know that American retail merchandising, under the open competitive system, has done a superb job in serving the consumer at lowest cost, and distributing the products of farmer and manufacturer. They realize the immense dangers political destruction of this proven, established system would involve.

Equally important, the American press, rooted as it is in the domestic tradition, knows that punitive, discriminatory treatment of one kind of business will pave the way for similar treatment of other kinds of business — and eventually all business. There is no room in a democracy for class legislation or class taxation. And the American press is fighting for democracy when it opposes them.

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declared, means that he is to have the right to determine his own values and be free in his personal life. Thus his own satisfactions can be gratified, and he may determine the price he is willing to pay for what he desires. From the standpoint of the state, individualism means that citizens of greater value to the commonwealth can be produced. It permits the development of needed leaders, through its encouragement of free initiative. "If individualism is submerged, mediocrity will dominate society," declared Mr. Ditter.

In the field of economics the principle advocated by Mr. Ditter means a free market, making possible the division of labor. This trend toward specialization makes possible a great increase in the general standard of living. In such a market, said Mr. Ditter, the individual's greater skill will bring increased rewards as a result of bargaining to best advantage.

Congressman Ditter stated that the best proof of the advantages of the individualistic system was in the results that it had achieved in the past. It has freed the minds of men and stimulated their thought, Mr. Ditter concluded with an affirmation of his belief that the "substance as well as the form" of the principles of individualism, especially as exemplified by the Ursinus tradition, will survive.

Four Receive Degrees

To these four men, Dr. McClure presented honorary degrees. Rev. Pierce E. Swope, of Lebanon, Pa., received the degree of Doctor of Divinity after a citation by Dean Whorton A. Kline for his activity in civic and relief work of all kinds and for his promotion of charitable enterprise. Rev. Ervin E. Young, of Delaware, Ohio, was cited by Rev. Calvin D. Yost for his service in the church, and was also given the degree of Doctor of Divinity. Thomas E. Brooks, of Red Lion, Vice-President of the Board of Directors, received in absentia the degree of Doctor of Laws, after citation by President of the Board Harry E. Paisley. Mr. Ditter, of Ambler, Pa., was then cited by Dean Kline for his civic service and distinction in the legal profession, and was given the degree of Doctor of Laws.

PREDICTS MORE MEMBERS FOR COUNTY 4-H PIG CLUB

Last year, according to Assistant County Agent William H. Wilson, 4-H Pig Club members sold over \$1800 worth of 4-H Club pigs.

He predicted, "We'll have at least 75 members in 1940."

The round-up at Hatfield this year will be held September 3 and the sale on September 9. The leaders who will help with the program this year are: William Gottshall, Royersford R. D.; Forrest Henning, North Wales R. D.; Roy Ludwig, Lansdale, R. D.; Elmer Renninger, Royersford R. D.; Mrs. Ernest Wayland, Collegeville R. D.; William Simmons, Trappe; Charles Renninger, Frederick and Clarence Ziegler, Telford R. D.

Evansburg Methodist Church

Services for Sunday, Feb. 25, at Evansburg Methodist Church are as follows: Sunday School at 9:30; Church Service at 10:30; Sermon: "Confirmation and After". Evening service at 7:45; sermon: "Guidance by Visions". The confirmation exercises will be held this Sunday in connection with the morning service. Young People's Society from 7 to 7:40 p. m. each Sunday evening. "It is vanity to desire a long life while you care so little for a virtuous life."—Edward K. Knetter, minister.

Lower Providence Baptist Church

Rev. J. H. Carter, Minister; W. H. Risher, Superintendent. Services for Sunday, Feb. 25: Church School at 9:30; Church Worship at 10:45 a. m. Sermon: "Babel or Building to God"; Vane Smith, leader. Frank Belvin, an American Indian, will speak at C.E. Monday—Workers conference at the parsonage.

Monday—Sunshine class with Mrs. J. Stroud Weber.

Tuesday—W. W. G. with Miss Elsie Risher.

Wednesday—C. E. business meeting with Harold Espenship.

No extra charge for use of modern funeral home.



CHARLES J. FRANKS
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COURT FREES ROBINSON AS BUCHANAN MURDER SUSPECT

A 29-year-old Negro handyman, of Norristown, held in the slaying of Mrs. Clara O. Buchanan the past September was discharged by Judge George C. Corson last week on a writ of habeas corpus.

The jurist said evidence presented by the Commonwealth "laid a cloud of suspicion" on Edward Robinson but that "suspicion, however strong, is not sufficient to support a murder verdict."

Saying "we feel matters should not be enforced at this time," Judge Corson emphasized Robinson was being freed without prejudice to the right of the Commonwealth to present a bill to a grand jury or to re-arrest the defendant at any time the Commonwealth "feels that it has obtained sufficient evidence to justify such action."

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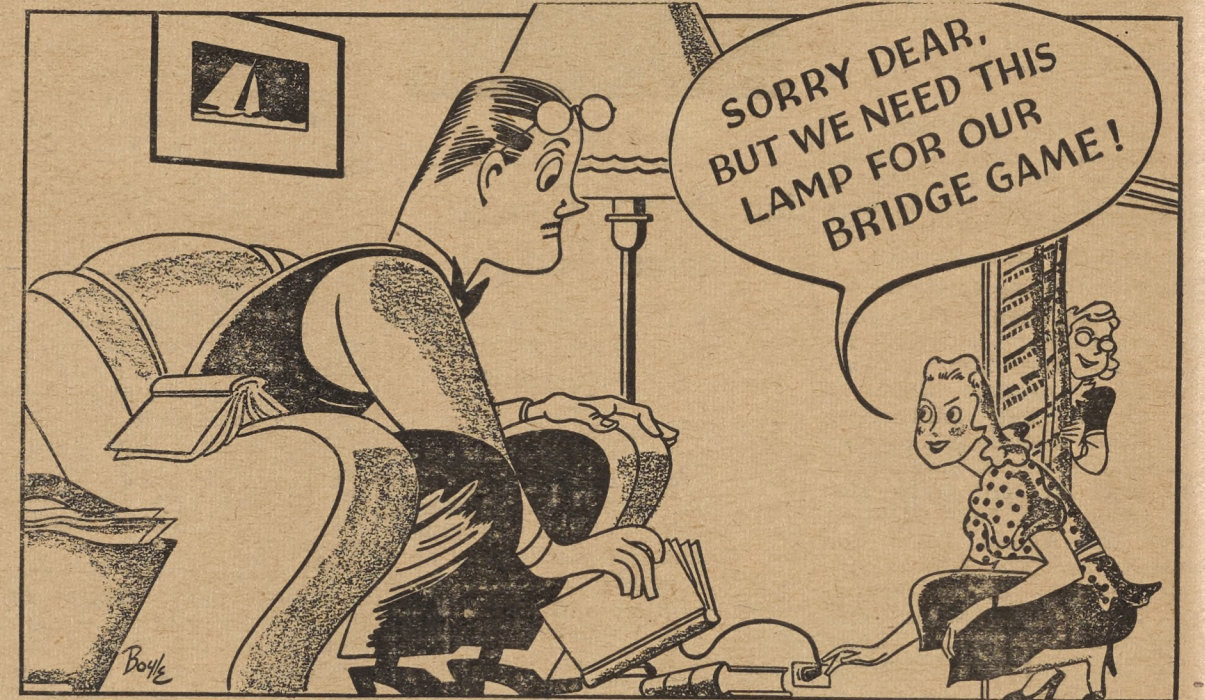
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EVANSBURG NEWS

On Sunday evening Miss Marjorie Brosz was hostess at a dinner to the following members of her church school class: Donald Manns, Edward Simms, Chas. House, Robert Gehret and Norman Snovel.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bronson of Orchard Lane Farm entertained the following guests: Mr. and Mrs. Fred Glanding of Fox Chase, and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bridgeman of Rosemont.

On Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Bronson and son Bobby visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Edwards of Esterly, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fox are receiving congratulations upon the birth of a son, born Saturday in Montgomery hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Reed and children of Norristown have moved into the Klinger tenant house near the Puroil station.

Ancona Estate Set at \$54,446

A value of \$54,446.43 was placed on the estate of Henry K. Ancona, late Pottstown hardware merchant, in an appraisal filed in the office of Register of Wills. Holdings in the VanBuskirk Hardware company were valued at \$46,041.97.

For Sale Advertisements in The Independent bring quick results.

Ursinus and Gettysburg to Battle for First Place Here on Saturday

With two vital wins chalked up during the week, Coach Ken Hashagen's Ursinus College basketball team moved into a tie with Gettysburg for first place in the Eastern Pennsylvania Collegiate Basketball Conference. All eyes in the Conference will be focused on the Ursinus-Gettysburg game Saturday night, and a record crowd is expected to jam Thompson-Gay gym to witness this crucial battle.

The winner of the Ursinus-Gettysburg game will emerge in first place, while F. and M. can sneak into second place by winning two. Should Ursinus win while F. and M. splits this week, the Bears would take undisputed possession of first place, and would need only one win in their remaining two games to be assured of at least a tie for the title. The race is still wide open for four clubs, with the outcome questionable for at least two more weeks.

Bears Out for Revenge

The Bullets eked out a 39-37 win over the Bears earlier in the season at Gettysburg, but the Ursinus followers look for a decisive win to vindicate this earlier loss.

Coach Hashagen's varsity Bears club will not be idle, however, all week because they meet Swarthmore at home on Wednesday in non-league scrap. Swarthmore incidentally has one of the fastest teams in their history and have trimmed some of the best teams in the East.

No preliminary is scheduled for Saturday, but the varsity game will get under way at 8:15 p. m. sharp.

C-T BASKETEERS BEAT ROYERSFORD HIGH HERE

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by the Forders that threw a scare into the C-T followers before the final whistle. The first quarter found C-T leading 9-2 and the half ended 15-8 while the third quarter score stood 23-15.

Earl Brunner, star center, was high scorer for the Colonels with 11 points. Earl, who has been going better each game, is probably the most improved player on Coach Stratton's staff.

The C-T maids continued their fast pace by taking the Ford lassies into camp in easy fashion. The final score was 18-11 but the play was very one-sided in favor of C-T. Coach Clafin gave practically all the subs on the bench a chance to play after the first half ended with the score 13-1 in favor of the Colonels.

This Friday the Colonels play Pennsburg away in Montco league competition. The Colonels will close their league season on Friday evening, March 1 with East Greenville in the C-T gym in what may be the crucial games of the season.

C-T	G.	F.	Tot.
Williams, f	0	3	3
Dalton, f	1	0	2
Miller, f	0	3	3
Brunner, c	5	1	11
Rimby, c	0	1	1
Lacey, g	1	2	4
Harley, g	1	1	3
Totals	8	11	27

Royersford	G.	F.	Tot.
Rambo, f	0	0	0
Lincoln, f	2	3	7
Oehlert, f	1	1	3
Engle, f	0	1	1
Buckwalter, c	2	0	4
Adams, g	3	1	7
Mowrey, g	0	1	1
Totals	8	7	23

C-T	G.	F.	Tot.
Royersford	2	6	8-23
C-T	9	6	8-27

Referee—Rhile.

C-T Girls	G.	F.	Tot.
Mathieu, f	4	2	10
Cardy, f	2	2	6
Alderfer, f	0	0	0
Hess, f	1	0	2
Totals	7	4	18

Guards: Muche, Hawkins, Wright, Brosz, N. Bean, Henderson, T. Bean, Gill, Baird.

Royersford	G.	F.	Tot.
Mattis, f	3	2	8
Pennypacker, f	0	3	3
Beideman, f	0	0	0
Totals	3	5	11

Guards: Fidler, White, Rambo, Tyson, Bechtel.

Royersford	G.	F.	Tot.
Royersford	1	0	5-11
C-T	10	3	5-18

Boys' Montco League Standing	W.	L.
Collegeville 27, Royersford 23	4	2
E. Greenville 24, Pennsburg 19	4	2
Collegeville	4	2
East Greenville	4	2
Royersford	3	2
Pennsburg	1	3
Schwensville	1	4

Girls' Montco League Standing	W.	L.	T.
Collegeville 18, Royersford 11	4	1	1
E. Greenville 30, Pennsburg 16	3	1	1
Collegeville	4	1	1
Schwensville	3	1	1
East Greenville	4	2	0
Royersford	1	4	0
Pennsburg	0	4	0

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Collegeville	4	2	1
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Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Kaufholz and son Billy visited the McCloskey family in Philadelphia.

Former Sheriff G. S. Jones and wife left for Miami Beach, Fla., last Wednesday where they will spend a month or two.

Mrs. Horace Heffelfinger, who was on the sick list is improving.

Young People's Christian Endeavor had a very interesting meeting Sunday evening in Lower Providence Baptist Church. Miss Amy Wismer sang a solo.

Conference Standing

	Won	Lost	P.C.
Ursinus	6	3	.667
Gettysburg	6	3	.667
F. and M.	4	3	.571
Bucknell	4	5	.444
Lebanon Valley	4	5	.444
Muhlenberg	3	4	.429
Albright	2	6	.250

Schedule This Week

Wed: F. and M. at Muhlenberg
Sat: Gettysburg at Ursinus
F. and M. at Albright
Leb. Val. at Muhlenberg

ALBRIGHT GAME

The Ursinus cagers, coming from behind twice on Saturday, nosed out a stubborn Albright aggregation on the losers' court in Reading, 39 to 34.

Keehn kept Ursinus in the running in the first half with four field goals and a foul and, after a quiet third quarter, came through in the final and deciding period with two more double deckers and a like number of fouls to pace the winners with 15 points. But it was MacMahon in a substitute's role who turned the tide in favor of the Bears. As soon as the sophomore sharpshooter entered the game, he racked up three field goals to put the game on ice.

Ursinus	G.	F.	Tot.
Chern, f	1	0	2
Moyer, f	2	3	7
MacMahon, f	3	1	7
Meade, c	2	1	5
Keehn, g	6	3	15
Hutchinson, g	1	0	2
Totals	15	9	39

Albright	G.	F.	Tot.
Petrucka, f	5	0	10
Czalkoski, f	4	0	8
McKinney, c	4	3	11
Hydock, g	1	1	3
McCann, g	0	2	2
Totals	14	6	34

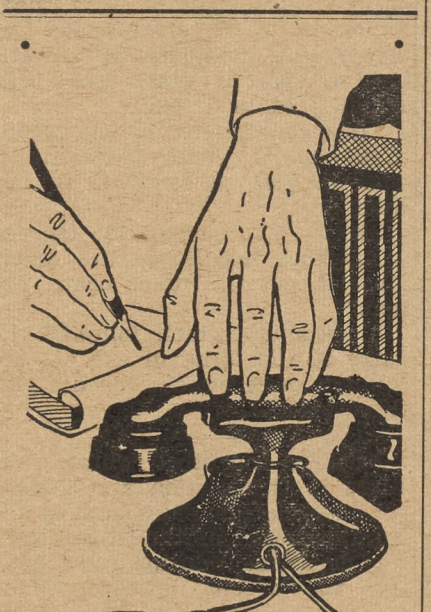
Ursinus College had little trouble defeating the Drexel five Monday night on the loser's court, 39-29.

Ursinus	G.	F.	Tot.
MacMahon, f	0	1	1
Adams, f	0	0	0
Hutchinson, f	1	1	3
Moyer, f	3	5	11
Meade, c	2	0	4
Jacobs, c	2	0	4
Garlock, c	0	0	0
Keehn, g	3	0	6
Wise, g	0	0	0
Chern, g	5	0	10
Totals	16	7	39

Drexel	G.	F.	Tot.
Barris, f	2	0	4
Clark, f	1	2	4
Gilford, f	1	3	5
Etenweler, c	3	1	7
Rodgers, g	2	2	6
Thompson, g	1	0	2
Green, g	0	1	1
Totals	10	9	29

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Collegeville Girl Scout News

The Collegeville Girl Scouts held their weekly meeting in the library of the school.

One group of girls passed a requirement for the second-class, the requirement being International Friendship. Another group worked on the requirement for a weaving badge.

Court of Honors was held and a roller skating party was planned for Saturday, February 24. All girls going will meet in front of the public school at 1:30. The skating party will be held at the Gateway Skateway.

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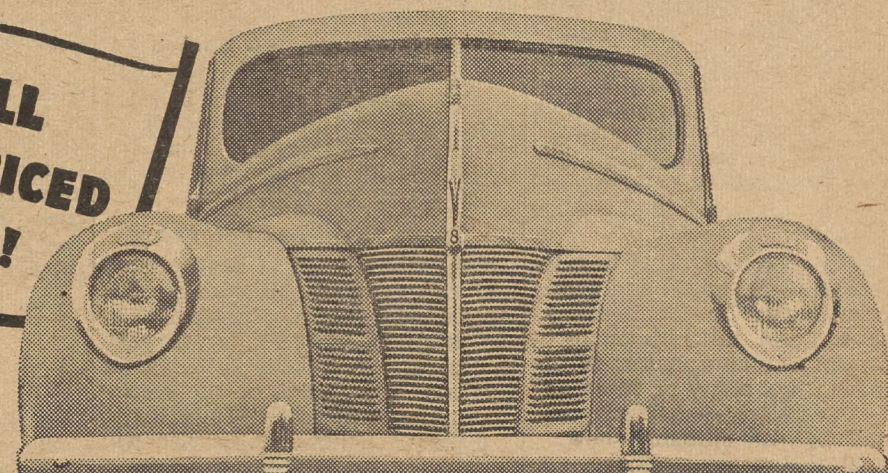
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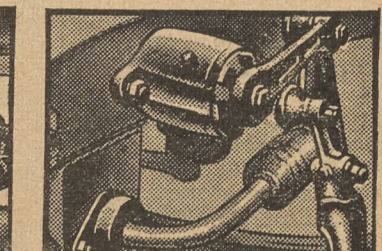
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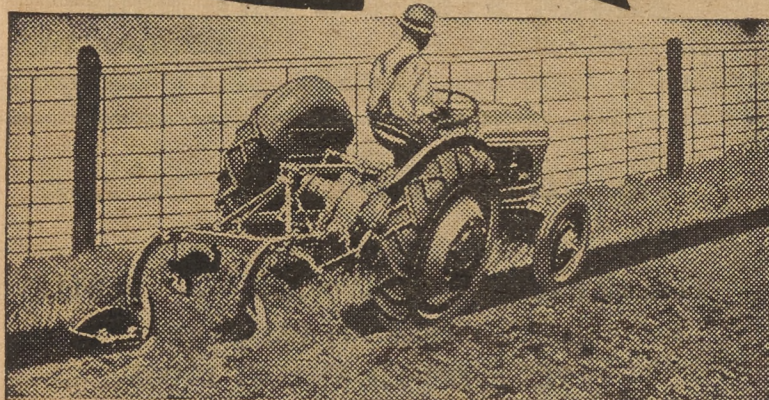
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NEWS FROM OAKS

Monday was the first day the school bus got through the drifted roads for transporting the children to the Oaks and Mont Clare schools. The road leading off of the Egypt road, known as Black Rock road, was opened late Sunday evening.

Mrs. Martha Bechtel spent Tuesday in Collegeville the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Neville Cook.

Mrs. Charles Hamel of Harrisburg spent Tuesday with her mother Mrs. Kate Miller and sister Mrs. Frank Weaver.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Dewane and family of Collegeville called on the Stierly family Sunday afternoon.

Howard Stierly, who had been spending a few weeks with his brother Paul Stierly and family of Chester County returned to his home Saturday.

Jane Keffer, 12-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Keffer is confined to her home with scarlet fever.

An office has been opened in the home of Mrs. Hannah M. A. Dorton to take shares for the Excelsior Bldg. and Loan of Norris-town. A series is now open.

Mr. and Mrs. George Jefferies called on Mr. Jefferies of Eagleville Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Subers spent Sunday with Mrs. Subers parents Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Stauffer, Indian Head Park.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Sellers spent the week-end in Lancaster with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Edleman entertained the following at dinner on Sunday: Mr. and Mrs. Ed Zollers of Jeffersonville, Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Murray and daughter, of Plymouth, Nelson Cutler of Cynwyd, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Slemmer and daughter of West Chester Gardens, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Davis and daughter of this place.

LAST OF STORM CLOGGED
ROADS OPENED MONDAY

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The Phoenixville road and Lewis road were partially opened. But it was not until Friday that the more important North and South roads were opened and many of the so-called back roads were not opened until Sunday or Monday—unless the farmers residing thereon got together and opened the road themselves. Highway workers spent most of Thursday digging out the marooned snow plows.

Practically all of the schools in the vicinity were closed all day Thursday and many of the rural schools did not open until Monday. Several rural Collegeville-Trappe high school students were unable to get to their homes and were forced to stay with teachers or friends in Collegeville until the roads to their homes were opened.

Railroad traffic was tied up until Thursday evening. The south-bound morning train got stuck in a drift in a cut at Zionsville and was so late getting through that the trip was called off entirely. The northbound morning train got as far as Palm and there abandoned the trip. By evening, service was resumed.

Scores of motorists came to grief during Wednesday night and abandoned their cars on the highways and byways and walked home or to the nearest available shelter. Within a short time many of these abandoned autos were completely obliterated by the shifting snow.

It was these abandoned cars which hindered the highway snow plows later in opening the roads. In trying to get around the abandoned cars numerous snow plows got off the road and became stuck either in the deep snow or in the soft mud in the ditches. On several stretches of road there were three snow plows stuck within several hundred yards. The second and third plows becoming marooned while trying to rescue the first hapless plow.

Many rural sections were also without electricity and telephone service when poles and wires were ripped down by the gale Wednesday night, and with the roads blocked the utility repair crews were unable to get through to resume the service.

The State Highway Department said they had 300 men and 100 plows at work in the county Wednesday night and a total of 500 at work on Thursday and Friday. An additional force of 50 county road workers and 9 plows were on the job according to the county commissioners, not to mention the various borough and township forces.

State police barracks' telephones at Collegeville jangled unceasingly throughout Wednesday night and Thursday while the storm raged. Most of the calls, troopers explained, were from snowbound motorists who wanted a State plow to open the road to their machines "right away".

Wild ducks can fly 100 miles per hour.

It costs from 62 to 72 cents to make a gallon of whiskey.

In the past eighteen years there have been nineteen international, six civil and two colonial wars—on three continents not counting the present war.

NEWS FROM TRAPPE

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Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leidy Bechtel and family of Norris-town.

Mrs. Daniel Buckwalter is spending several weeks at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Abel Lehman and family of Paoli.

Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Tyson and Mrs. James I. Brendlinger of Pottstown visited Mr. and Mrs. Warren H. Grater on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Hood and daughter Esther and Mrs. William Kratz of Wyncote visited Mr. and Mrs. Irwin C. Brunner on Sunday.

Mrs. Harry Keyser is spending some time at the home of Mr. David Buckwalter and family of Trooper.

Miss Helen M. Shuler and Mrs. Henry W. Shuler and son visited Miss Blanche Mahler of Philadelphia on Sunday.

Miss Ruth Detwiler was substitute teacher for Miss Dorothy Walker, local First, Second and Third grade teacher on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Heissler and daughter of Delair, N. J., spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Selby Hefelfinger and family.

Admitted to Hahnemann Hospital Miss Verna Miller was admitted to the Hahnemann hospital, Philadelphia on Wednesday for an operation on her knee.

Rev. J. K. Bowers spent Monday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Neumann and family of Jeffersonville.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bettler and family of Aldham, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Crist and family of Yerkes, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Orwig and son of Spring City, visited Mr. and Mrs. Harry Heany and family on Sunday.

Miss Kathryn McHarg was a dinner guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Granville Williams of Norris-town on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy T. Miller and family of Jeffersonville visited William T. Miller and family on Sunday.

Trappe Boy Scout News

The Trappe Boy Scout troop won the Valley Forge streamer on Saturday for the third consecutive year. There were ten scouts and leaders who made the trip to Valley Forge.

The scout meeting on Monday evening featured a "What's My Name" contest similar to the radio program of the same title. Biographies of members of the troop, well-known scouts and historically famous Americans were listed in the contest. The program was in charge of Ronald Crist and Harold Wien.

A practice of the First Aid team was held under the leadership of John Musser. The team is practicing for an initial first aid meet to be held in the social rooms of St. Luke's Reformed Church Monday evening, March 11. The opponents will be scouts from Troop 18 of Doylestown.

Augustus Lutheran Church

Augustus Lutheran Church will observe Sunday, February 25 as a time for special intercession for all churches in European countries. Offerings will also be received for Lutheran World Relief.

St. Luke's Evan. and Ref. Church

The Churchmen's Brotherhood and the Women's Missionary Society will meet on Wednesday evening, February 28 at 8 p. m. Howard B. Keyser, supervising principal of the local schools will be the speaker at the Brotherhood meeting.

A Youth Fellowship Service will be held on Sunday evening, March 3. A special program has been provided.

Regular Services will be held next Sunday as follows: Morning Worship at 10:30; Sunday School at 9:15 a. m.

Evangelical Congregational Church

Sunday School session in the Evangelical Church will be held on Sunday at 1:30 p. m.; preaching at 2:30 o'clock. Cottage prayer meeting will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert H. Greiner on Wednesday evening, February 28.

JAN PEECE CONCERT

AT URSINUS TONIGHT

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renzi, were three of the Town Hall offerings. "Where'er You Walk" is an aria from the oratorio "Semele", which was first presented at Covent Garden, London, England, during Lent of 1744.

The German group includes "Ein Traum", by Edward Grieg; "Waldseligkeit", by Marx; and "Cacilie", by the noted German composer, Richard Strauss.

After the intermission, Faure's "Apres un Reve", and Faurain's "Le Soleil et la Mer" will be presented in the French group of songs. Mr. Peerce will close that group with Rossini's "Tartarella", a number which he sang on the Radio City Music Hall program a few weeks ago.

The last group, the English group, will consist of Oley Speaks' work, "Morning"; "Because", by D'Hardelot; and Manna-Zucca's "I Love Life".

The tickets for the concert are now on sale. Admissions for parents, alumni, and general public will be one dollar each. The center pit of Bomberger will be reserved, as a section, for the one dollar admissions.

RAMBLING AT RANDOM

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Mr. Crowell's painting "Self Portrait" also has attracted considerable attention. Mr. Crowell, like Mr. Stumpff, studied at the Academy, and is quite prominent for so young a man. Mr. Crowell has taught art appreciation at Northwestern University and has studied in Europe.

Mr. Ellinger's canvas is entitled "December Sky". The latter artist, who is considered more or less as a "home town" product, has not attained the prominence of Stumpff and Crowell and comparatively speaking, little is known about him. Probably like a prophet, an artist gets rather meagre appreciation in his own home town. On the other hand Stumpff and Crowell had already achieved prominence before they took up residence in this community.

David studied for five years under Prof. Gerald Loelger at Schwenksville. The latter was well-known abroad as a portrait painter.

In art circles it is considered quite an accomplishment to have a picture accepted by the Academy and therefore David's friends here are feeling quite elated over his success and are predicting a bright future.

Among David's accomplishments are: Mrs. Juliana Ford, curator of the Whitney Museum in New York City, purchased in 1934 a still life entitled "All I could give" for their permanent collection and in the same year, one of his pictures was exhibited at the Corcoran Art Gallery in Washington, D. C., through the Young Students League, Mr. Ellinger being the youngest artist to exhibit with the group. More recently one of his canvases was exhibited at the State museum at Harrisburg, a still life, "Lustre Pitcher", and design.

David's paintings of Pennsylvania domestic life are well known to the decorative world. Mrs. Geo. Kaufman, wife of the famous playwright, has purchased several of Mr. Ellinger's canvases and he was commissioned to do Pennsylvania fracture work for her home at Buckingham, Bucks County, as a part of her decorative color scheme.

He also painted a Pennsylvania Primitive landscape for Mrs. Richard Pratt, wife of the architectural and gardening editor of The Ladies Home Journal. He has sold pictures to two of the Marx brothers, of motion picture fame, and was commissioned to paint a Pennsylvania Primitive for Mrs. Harpo Marx and a Child Primitive for Billie Cook, juvenile movie star.

Mr. Ellinger just recently completed a "Portrait of a Child" for Dr. Robert Thomas of Fifth avenue, N. Y. City, a well known collector of modern paintings.

This column is indebted to Dr. Clarkson Addis, Collegeville, for the following interesting contribution:

Dear Jay,
I have just received a letter from John C. Clemens, proprietor of the Pleasant Valley Pork Packing Plant at Mainland. He is at Indian Beach, Sarasota, Florida, and recounts his "cold weather" experiences down there. I thought the "fishermen" would be especially interested.

Yours truly,

C. Addis.

Indian Beach

Feb. 16th, 1940

Dear Dr. Addis,

We were sure glad to hear from you. We just heard that you had a real storm again on Wednesday.

At the beginning of January, we were going in shirt sleeves and straw hats the same as we are doing now. But we had real winter here too. For about a week, we were glad for top coats and as we came down here with only light clothes, we felt the cold—had hard frost for three nights.

It was too much for most vegetation and some of the fish. People that live here never had seen the like and I saw them standing amazed looking at a thin crust of ice. A man of fifty years told me he had never seen that before.

Coming back to the first, its a most pitiful sight to see the thousands upon thousands of fish lying on the river banks that got too cold. The tide water brought them out and they were too stiff to help themselves.

The Myakka River is only one of the hundreds of rivers that run into the Atlantic and the Gulf of Mexico.

On this particular Myakka River, two men from Lancaster, Pa., and I were fishing the other day, but it almost takes all your courage when you see hundreds of buzzards and other birds feasting on these dead now stinking fish.

We stepped off one thousand feet and counted three hundred and sixty-four dead fish in that distance—that measured from twelve to forty inches, some would have weighed thirty pounds apiece, and they were of the best.

If you would average this amount it would mean 80,000 pounds or forty tons of fish to the sixteen miles of river that is claimed to be affected.

The river is forty miles long with sixteen miles of brackish water. It is also claimed that 75,000 pounds of fish were picked

LOCAL TOWNSHIPS GET
STATE ROAD PAYMENTS

Second class townships of Montgomery county will receive \$17,608.04 on March 1 from the state motor fund. This will be the first quarterly installment to be paid during the year as a result of legislation adopted by the 1939 session of the General Assembly.

The 1939 session appropriated \$8,500,000 from the motor fund to be returned to second class townships during 1940 and 1941. The State Highways Department made the allocation of the fund to the townships on a mileage basis. Requisitions providing for the payment of the money were prepared by the Highway Department and have been sent to the fiscal departments where the checks are being written.

Other payments this year are due June 1, September 1 and December 1.

Amounts going to the townships of Montgomery county are: Douglass, \$839.05; East Norriton, \$291.95; Franconia, \$804.64; Hatfield, \$562.77; Horsham, \$645.61; Limerick, \$1,260.36; Lower Frederick, \$431.99; Lower Gwynedd, \$320.43; Lower Moreland, \$234.98; Lower Pottsgrove, \$290.70; Lower Providence, \$735.80; Lower Salford, \$844.99; Marlboro, \$505.57; Montgomery, \$189.89; New Hanover, \$1,075.22; Perkiomen, \$242.10; Salford, \$636.11; Skippack, \$665.78; Towamencin, \$541.17; Upper Dublin, \$716.82; Upper Frederick, \$398.76; Upper Gwynedd, \$344.17; Upper Hanover, \$1,229.51; Upper Merion, \$562.53; Upper Providence, \$326.71; Upper Pottsgrove, \$329.93; Upper Salford, \$477.09; Whitmarsh, \$439.11; Whitpain, \$467.59; Worcester, \$690.71.

ABOUT TOWN NOTES

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Mrs. Lloyd Lebergorn of College avenue entertained the Colonial Circle at her home on Monday evening.

Mrs. Mabel Dunigan is attending this Wednesday evening the 21st annual Philadelphia Hairdressers' Convention at the Bellevue Stratford hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Glass of Tioga Manor, Philadelphia, were Saturday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Konrad of Chestnut street. A card club of local members are meeting this Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. S. Lewis Cornish.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bates of the Perkiomen Insurance apartments returned home on Saturday after a two weeks' vacation motor tour to Florida.

The Girls' Missionary Guild of Trinity church met Friday evening at the home of Miss Verna Fenstermacher. Identity of secret pals during the past year were revealed. The evening's program centered on the Valentine theme.

The C. I. C. class of Trinity Reformed Sunday school will hold their regular meeting this Thursday evening in the form of a Valentine party at the home of Mrs. Ed Detwiler of Ninth avenue.

up for food, the fish being paralyzed by the cold.

Thought you would like to hear about our cold weather too. Hope you are all well.

Yours truly,

John C. Clemens

When the next blizzard comes along local back road dwellers might emulate the following trick to get their roads open.

A weary party of State police, county authorities and an undertaker arrived at a farm near Scholarie, N. Y., on Monday by sleigh and snowshoes to investigate a report a man had been found dead in a barn.

They were greeted by the "dead" man himself, Victor Lillgreen, 65, who was just as surprised as they were.

Sheriff Eli Sheldandine learned a neighbor telephoned the report "just to get the roads open out here."

A snowplow which followed the party to the farm, in one of the county's most inaccessible hill sections, obliged.

Farmers and other rural residents in this section are offering considerable complaint against the administration of the State Highway department during and following the recent blizzard. Many farmers not residing on so-called "main roads" were still snowed in on Sunday, having seen or heard no sign of any state plow. Most of the farmers who did get out had to get together with their neighbors and shovel themselves out.

As one farmer put it, "I guess that is the rugged individualism the Republicans talk about for the farmers."

It took more than "Nu Blu" to start up some of the cars Thursday morning that had been marooned in the snow drifts over night.

Many of the stalled autos that were abandoned in the drifts Wednesday night were completely covered over and obliterated by the shifting snow within a few hours. What stories that will make for the present youngsters to tell their grand children in 1988.

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THE DEATH ROLL

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ers: Samuel Krause, of Wyomissing; Jacob Krause, of Detroit, Mich.; Mary, wife of Elwood Clemmer, of Norristown; Maggie, wife of Reuben Erb, of Congo; Alverda Krause, at home; Sallie, wife of Eden Stauffer, of Boyertown; William Krause, of Boyertown; Alice, wife of Henry Miller, of Waterloo, Wisconsin; and Lizzie, wife of Nevlin Gerhard, of Woxall.

The funeral was held on Saturday at the Jerusalem Lutheran church, Schwenksville, where all services were held. Interment was in Keeler's cemetery, Obelisk; funeral director Charles J. Franks.

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