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About People You Know in Collegeville

Entertain Marine John Cassel
Mr and Mrs Joseph Hastings and family entertained Gunnar Sergeant John S. Cassel several days last week. He was one of the first marines to land on Guadalcanal. After leaving the Solomon Islands he spent some time in New Zealand and Australia. He received the purple heart medal and several other medals while in active service in the Solomons. Cassel has been a marine for twenty years and can relate some interesting as well as sad experiences. Cassel resided here as a boy and attended the Collegeville Schools. He is a brother of Russell Cassel, of Limerick.

Trinity Girls Elect Officers
The reorganization meeting and annual Christmas party of Trinity Girls Class was held on Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs Charles Hessler with Mrs Paul Butler as co-hostess. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Miss Florence Smedley; vice-president, Mrs Paul Butler; secretary, Mrs Carl Retistadt; and treasurer, Miss Naomi Detwiler.

To Open Riding Academy Here

Mr and Mrs Leo Arena, former residents of Jeffersonville, moved last week into the property at Cross Keys Road and Ridge Pike, just below Collegeville. The Arenas conduct the Beverly Saddle Shop and will start a riding academy on the property in the Spring.

Patsy Seifert's Birthday Party

Mrs William Seifert, of Fifth Avenue, entertained a group of her daughter Patsy's school friends and neighbors at a birthday party on Saturday. The event was in celebration of Patsy's tenth birthday.

Promoted to First Lieutenant

Harriet Styer has recently been promoted from second lieutenant to first lieutenant. Lt Styer is in recruiting service of the Third Corps area at Richmond, Virginia.

Sgt Norman F. Walsh has returned

to Camp Lee, Va., after having spent a 12-day tour with his wife at the home of her parents, Mr and Mrs R. K. Styer.

Tech Sgt Owen F. Seibert has been transferred

from Camp Sutton, N. C., to Finance Office, Camp Stewart, Georgia.

Mr and Mrs Harold Weaver and sons

Harold Lee and Richard, were Sunday guests of Mr and Mrs Paul Kolb, of Spring City.

Mrs Harry Mergner was a guest

on Saturday of Mrs Woodrow Cunningham, of Red Hill.

A daughter was born to Mr and Mrs Henry Muehe

of Park Avenue, Collegeville on Sunday morning.

Miss Marybelle Waldo, of Skipack creek road

spent the weekend with her cousin, Yeoman 3/c Eiecta Shankle, a SPAR, stationed at Baltimore, Maryland.

Mr and Mrs Russell Schunck, of Ninth Avenue

had as their weekend guests their son-in-law and daughter, Mr and Mrs Grant Goodwin, of Collingswood, N. J., and Mr Goodin's father, Mr Eugene R. Goodin, of Greeley, Colorado.

The regular meeting of a local bridge club

held at the home of Mrs Herbert Noble on Tuesday afternoon, took on the nature of a Christmas party with exchange of gifts, suitable Christmas decorations, and refreshments.

Sunday guests of Dr and Mrs Eugene Miller

were the Doctor's parents, Dr and Mrs Howard U. Miller, his aunt, Miss Margaret Miller, and a friend, Mr Rudolph Shook, all of Reading.

Pfc James G. Boyd may be addressed

as follows: 2nd Bn., Co. H, 21st Marines, c/o Fleet Postmaster, San Francisco, California.

Mrs Laura Roth, of Red Hill spent several days

this week with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr and Mrs Frank Clamer.

Jackie Nolan, of Fifth Avenue, is ill with chicken pox.

Mrs Joseph R. Hastings and children visited in Philadelphia last Saturday.

Miss Alberta Myers and John Myers entertained over the weekend

Charles Wesley Myers, of Philadelphia, and Ida Myers, of Pottstown. Sunday visitors were Mr and Mrs Oscar Keaton and Mrs Mildred Washington, all of Philadelphia.

Mr and Mrs J. Howard Fenstermacher and family were Sunday guests

of Mr and Mrs Howard Heeter and family, of South Pottstown.

NOTICE TO DELINQUENT SCHOOL TAX PAYERS

Pursuant to Act of Assembly No. 285 approved May 26, 1943, a penalty of one half of one percent per month will be assessed on unpaid school taxes January 1, 1944. This is in addition to the five percent penalty assessed October 1, 1943.

John Nyce Resigns Town Council Post

Resignation Accepted at Regular Meeting Wednesday Night; \$300 Donation Given to Fire Company

The Collegeville Borough Council heard the report of the special Recreation Committee of that body on Wednesday evening at the regular monthly session of the members in the Collegeville Fire Hall. The Recreation Committee met with a similar group from the joint school board and decided upon a place on the municipal playground along Park Avenue and Third Avenue to be flooded to offer skating facilities to the young persons in the community. A portion of the tract has been marked out and is ready for flooding when the freezing weather comes.

The resignation of John Nyce, Councilman from First Avenue, was read and approved. Council will appoint a new man for the post until the new man can be picked at the regular election. Nyce resigned his post because he is moving from the community to take up work under the Civil Service program.

A donation of \$300 was voted to the Collegeville Fire Company.

Alec Clawson reported for the

COMMUNITY CLUB TO PRESENT XMAS PARTY ON TUESDAY

The December meeting of the Community Club will be held next Tuesday evening in Hendricks Memorial building. A Christmas program has been planned and will feature a Puppet show put on through the courtesy of the Philadelphia Interstate Dairy Council. Carol singing will be enjoyed by the group.

Mrs Herbert Barron, president of the club, has recently been chosen as representative at the workshop group of the County Federation. This group meets twice a month in Philadelphia under the direction of Penn State College and its purpose is the study of community problems. Each representative learns how to attack specific needs of her town and how they can be best solved. Mrs E. W. Goggeshall attended the course last year as representative from the former Senior Community Club.

Mrs William Hampton, co-chairman of the Welfare committee, would like to remind members that contributions for aid in the support of a foster child "adopted" by Montgomery County Federation of Women's Clubs, should be given to Mrs Hampton not later than the December meeting. It is the hope of the committee to add at least one Montgomery County child to the family of foster children before Christmas. The County federation already has five Chinese and four British children to support during the coming year.

THE DEATH ROLL

Joseph Taphorn

Joseph Taphorn, 41, of Collegeville R. D. 1, died at his home on Sunday at 4 p. m. of a heart condition. Taphorn was the chief cook at Ursinus College for the past 11 years. He had been in ill health for some months and recently returned to his home on Evansburg Road after being confined to the hospital for about a month.

The deceased had served in the German army during the last war.

He was married last March to Anneliese Hennesser and moved to Evansburg Road from the college. His wife is the only close survivor.

Funeral services will be held today

with requiem mass at St. Henry's Church, Philadelphia, at 10 a. m. Interment will be in the Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Philadelphia.

Norris F. Wesler

Norris F. Wesler, 59, of Summit Avenue, Eagleville, died at his home on Thursday.

Survivors are his wife, Emma A., and these children: Mrs Samuel Johnson, Norristown; Mrs George Keyser, at home; Mrs J. U. Frederick, Audubon; James F., Bridgeport; Pvt Norris L., Maxton Field, N. C.; S/Sgt Lillian A., Orlando, Florida; Pvt Harry C., Camp Butler, N. C.; Raymond E. and Leola G., at home. Eight grandchildren and one sister, Mrs David Chalfont, of Phoenixville, also survive.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday at two o'clock from the Charles J. Franks Funeral Home, Trappe, with interment in the Green Tree Cemetery, Oaks.

BINGO PARTY

The Rahns Community Center is sponsoring a bingo party to be held in Ogden's Hall, Rahns, on Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock. There is no admission charge.—adv.

RED CROSS NEEDS BLOOD DONORS HERE ON DEC. 16

The Red Cross blood donor committee has called for at least 170 volunteer donors before next Thursday when the mobile unit visits Collegeville. The unit will visit Superior Tube Company on Wednesday of next week with employees giving blood for the boys overseas.

Anyone who wishes to aid this drive and has not yet volunteered should call Mr George Hartzell, Sixth Avenue, Collegeville, who will assign a time for your appointment. The unit will be here from 11:15 until 4:15 p. m.

Firemen Rename Present Officers

Collegeville Fire Company Renominates Incumbent Officials for 1944; Reorganization Dec. 16

All incumbent officers of the Collegeville Fire Company were renominated without opposition to continue in their present post for the ensuing year of 1944 at the regular December session of the local volunteers last Thursday evening.

This action, impelled by war conditions, was recommended by the nominating committee which consisted of Clarence Scheuren, Alec Clawson and Walter Pfeifer.

The annual reorganization meeting will, in compliance with the by-laws, be held in the form of a special session on the third Thursday evening of December. A committee, headed by Morvin Undercoffer, was appointed to arrange for a hassenpeffer tournament and sauerkraut lunch to follow the election. Since there will be no opposition the balloting this year will be a mere formality.

The nominees for the various offices are:

President, J. Edgar Grater; first vice-pres., Charles H. Smedley; second vice-pres., Daniel W. Walt; sec., George W. Hartzell; fin. sec., Paul N. Lutz; treas., J. Howard Fenstermacher; trustee, H. P. Tyson; fire-chief, Charles J. Smedley; assistant chief, Robert H. Moyer; engine foreman, Kenneth B. Nace; fire police, George H. Moyer, Walter Pfeifer, David Kelley, C. Arthur George and Robert Schaeffer; relief association director, Charles H. Smedley.

4-H PIG CLUB DONATES \$250 TO CHARITY GROUPS

The Trappe 4-H Pig Club donated a part of the proceeds of their recent supper to a number of organizations in the community. Gifts totalling \$250 were given to the following organizations: Collegeville branch of the Red Cross, \$50; Salvation Army, \$50; Rev George Palmer, \$25; Home Economics group of the Keystone Grange, \$10 toward purchase of material for blankets to be sent to the Phoenixville Hospital; Upper Providence Soldiers memorial, \$15; Women's League of Trinity Church, Collegeville, \$25; Bethany Orphans Home, \$25; Womelsdorf Orphans Home, \$25; Good Shepherd Home, \$25.

SANTA WILL MAKE PERSONAL APPEARANCE AT XMAS PARTY

The Trinity Girls Class of Trinity Church, Collegeville, will hold a Christmas Bazaar and party on Friday evening in the Hendricks Memorial Building from 7 to 9 o'clock. Santa Claus will be present and a "fish pond" will provide good catches for the children. Booths will feature handwork, canned and baked goods, gifts of many kinds, to delight the Christmas shopper. The entertainment will feature a magician and coral singing led by the Sunday School orchestra.

ABRAM GOTWALS OF YERKES RETURNS FROM HOSPITAL

Mr Abram Gotwals, Yerkes, who was seriously injured in a fall on November 18, returned to his home on Saturday evening after having been confined to the Phoenixville Hospital. Dr J. Elmer Gotwals, his brother, attended him.

SEVEN SPOTTERS GET AWARDS

Seven Collegeville aircraft spotters were awarded merit badges this week for faithful service during the operation of the post here. The awards were given to the spotters who had served a minimum of 500 hours at the post. The badges were given to Mrs Homer Smith, Clarence W. Scheuren, John Gottschalk, Frieda Graber, Robert Schaeffer, Edward Pretz, and A. L. Raynor.

The Collegeville-Trappe High School Senior Class will hold a Christmas dance

in the high school auditorium next Friday, December 17.

Boards Reorganize On Monday Night

C-T Board Renames Officers for Another Year; Few Changes in Other Nearby Districts

The annual reorganization meetings of the School Boards of the various towns and townships in this vicinity were held this week with most of the meetings on Monday evening as prescribed by the state school code. Collegeville, Trappe and the joint school board returned all officers who had served during the past year.

The Collegeville-Trappe district re-elected Rev Arthur C. Ohl, President, and M. W. Witmer, Vice-President. Dr R. D. Sturgis is the Secretary of the Board and Horace E. Godshall, Treasurer. R. C. Johnson was again named to head the Collegeville board with Joel B. Francis as Vice-President. Sturgis and Godshall also serve as Secretary and Treasurer, respectively, of the Collegeville board. Trappe re-named Ohl to serve as President and Frank Hunsberger as Vice-President. Warren H. Grater is Secretary and Ralph H. Jones, Treasurer.

The report of Howard B. Keyser, Supervising Principal, revealed that the total enrollment in Collegeville and Trappe grades and in the junior-senior high school was 353 for

COUNTY AAA GROUP ELECTS ROTHENBERGER AND WISMER

At the annual Montgomery County AAA meeting on December 1, 1943, the delegates chosen by the eleven communities elected Alvin K. Rothenberger, chairman; Arthur S. Anders and Charles E. Wismer as a County committee to administer the 1944 program.

This committee, with headquarters in the Public School Building Fifth Avenue, Collegeville, Pa., will continue to distribute the November and December Milk Subsidies, ration farm equipment, farm construction, supplies, conservation allowances of lime and super-phosphate, etc.

Announcement is made by them that during November 817 County dairymen were paid a total of \$26,597.64 subsidy for their October milk production. They estimate that less than 50 milk producers failed to avail themselves of the subsidy.

Payment of November and December production will be made during January. Lists of producers and their production for these two months will be mailed by the buyers to the AAA Office early in January, where upon subsidy applications and drafts are mailed to the producers. This will be a saving of gasoline and rubber necessary for producers previously forced to make personal trips to the office to apply for these payments.

KEYSTONE GRANGE HOST TO POMONA NO. 8 AT TRAPPE

Arthur Landis, of New Hanover, was elected master of the Pomona Grange No. 8, of Montgomery County, last Thursday when the members of Keystone Grange No. 2, Trappe, entertained the county organization in an all-day program. The address of welcome was given by Harold Allebach, of the Keystone Grange. He spoke of the historical background of the immediate community.

The reports of the officers and of the committees revealed the keen interest that they have in grange matters. The Legislative Committee presented resolutions on subsidies and taxation which were favorably acted upon. The report of the seven grange groups in the county indicate a membership of 565.

An oyster dinner with all the trimmings and pie was served at the lunch hour. During the afternoon session officers were elected. The program opened to Lecturer Blanche Allebach's reply to the address of welcome by Carl Dunmore. Reports were heard from each grange group.

Other officers elected were: Harold Allebach, Keystone Grange, Trappe, overseer; Blanche Allebach, Keystone, Trappe, lecturer; Clarence Wehr, Valley Grange, Red Hill, steward; Harold Gotwals, Keystone, Trappe, assistant steward; Herbert Wagner, New Hanover Community Grange, chaplain; Amos Walton, Wissahickon Grange, Ambler, treasurer; Ida C. Myers, Cold Point, secretary; Howard Baker, Center Square, gate-keeper; Sara Keim, Sanatoga, Ceres; Florence K. Landis, New Hanover, Pomona; Mary Weiss, Valley Grange, Red Hill, Flora; Helen Casey, Valley Grange, Red Hill, lady-assistant steward; H. D. Allebach, Trappe, executive committee; and Edward Phipps, Center Square, finance committee.

GRADE PUPILS WILL PRESENT PROGRAM AT P.T.A. MEETING

The Collegeville-Trappe P. T. A. will hold the regular December session on Thursday, December 16, at 7:30 p. m. in the Collegeville-Trappe High School building. The program will be in the hands of the elementary schools in the two boroughs with the children presenting short playlets, etc. A brief business session will be held. Please note that the hour for the meeting has been advanced to 7:30 in order that the smaller children will not be detained until a late hour.

Sgt. H. B. Gensler Weds Wyncote Girl

Local Soldier Takes Bride at Wyncote on Friday Night; He Returns to Newfoundland

Miss Jane Burton, daughter of Mrs Winifred Burton, of Wyncote, became the bride of Sergeant Harold B. Gensler, son of Mr and Mrs Webster Gensler, of 427 Main Street, Collegeville, on Friday evening in the Calvary Presbyterian Church, Wyncote. The ceremony was conducted at 7 o'clock by the pastor, the Rev Dr Cutler.

The bride was attired in a sheer brown crepe gown of street length and carried an arm bouquet of orchids. The bridesmaid, Miss Marion Hudson, wore a powder blue crepe dress and carried pink carnations.

Nevin Gensler, a brother of the bridegroom, was the best man. After a reception held at Wyncote the bride and groom left for a honeymoon trip to Canada. After the trip Sergeant Gensler will leave directly from Canada for duty with the U. S. Army in Newfoundland. He has been stationed there for the past 15 months.

Sergeant Gensler is a graduate of the Collegeville High School and Ursinus College and was with the Bell Telephone Company before he entered the army. The bride is a graduate of the Cheltenham High School and attended business college in Philadelphia. She has been an office representative of the Bell Telephone Company.

HESS-MYERS NUPTIALS ARE SOLEMNIZED ON SATURDAY

Dr Ivan W. Hess, son of Rev and Mrs S. H. Hess, of Royersford R. D. 1, took as his bride on Saturday afternoon at two o'clock, Miss Kathryn Myers, daughter of Mrs Clarence Myers, of North Hills. The ceremony took place in the Carmel Presbyterian Church, Edge Hill. Dr Howard J. Bell officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her uncle, Jesse Taylor Jr., North Hills, wore a street dress of aqua blue with brown accessories and a corsage of orchids.

Her matron-of-honor and sister, Mrs Wilbur Smith, Royersford R.D., was attired in a street dress of dark brown with a wine colored hat and wore an orchid corsage. The best man was Dr Clifford Lauden-slager.

A reception followed at the home of the bride for 25 guests after which the couple left to spend several days in New York. They will reside at North Hills.

Dr Hess is serving internship at Hahnemann hospital, Philadelphia. His bride has been employed by Westinghouse Electric company, Philadelphia.

BOYER SCHOOL P.T.A. HEARS MRS MILLER SPEAK ON CHINA

Members of the H. K. Boyer school Parent Teachers Association heard Mrs Eugene H. Miller, on December 1, speak on China: A Study in Contrasts. The speaker was introduced by Mrs H. L. Carter. The contrasts brought out included not only those found within China itself but also the contrast between Chinese and American customs. At the same time, Mrs Miller pointed out that there are several important characteristics which the Chinese have in common with ourselves. After a question period the meeting adjourned for refreshments.

OPERATED UPON AT SEA

No word has been received from Carl Rettstadt, former Collegeville man now with the U. S. Navy, since Nov. 11. Rettstadt was operated upon for hernia at sea and was last reported in a favorable condition. His boat is believed to be on the high seas and therefore his wife has had no word from him.

Trappe Man Speaks at Skipack

Leland Bechtel, a student at the Eastern Baptist Seminary in Philadelphia, was the guest speaker at the regular meeting of the Young People's Society of the Lower Skipack Mennonite Church on Sunday evening.

War Fund Passes Goal in This Area

Workers in Lower Perkiomen Valley Report Collections of \$6251, Industries Make This Possible

The National War Fund drive went over the top on Tuesday when workers reported total collections of more than \$6,300 for the two-week drive in the Lower Perkiomen Valley area. More money is expected as some of the reports from sub-districts has not yet been received by Mr Joel B. Francis, leader of the drive in the Lower Perkiomen area. When all reports are in the total may reach as much as \$7,000. Ursinus College students were organized for the drive and came through splendidly with a total of \$430.49. Every one of the sub-districts did well in the collection of funds. Collegeville led the list with \$1,206.90. Mrs Raymond Pearlstone led the drive in Collegeville. Attorney Raymond Pearlstone was the publicity head and not the zone chairman as reported in these columns several weeks ago.

The complete list of collections from the various zones in the district were:

Collegeville	\$1,206.90
Mrs Raymond Pearlstone, chrm.	430.00
Mr Henry Mathieu, chrm.	
Skippack Village	288.00
Mrs Bertha Wright, chrm.	
Skippack Township	436.10
Mr Ralph Johnson, chrm.	
Evansburg	250.00
Mr Russell Moyer, chrm.	
Arcola	86.00
Mrs Robert Bodey, chrm.	
Yerkes	90.00
Mrs Henry Gennaria, chrm.	
Black Rock	125.00
Mr Alan Wright, chrm.	
Ursinus College students	430.49
Special Gifts Committee	2,872.50
C-T Public Schools	36.30
Total	\$6,251.29
*Estimated—Final return not in.	

Workers reported at a meeting on Tuesday evening—the evening of Pearl Harbor Day—after the drive was extended for one week.

Mr Francis issued this statement after the drive passed the \$6,000 goal set for the local campaign:

"I want to take this opportunity to extend my thanks to the district

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THEME OF PROGRAM GIVEN BY GRANGE UNIT IS "HOME"

The theme of the program at the regular meeting of the Keystone Grange, Trappe, on Wednesday evening was, "Home." The meeting started with the song, "My Old Kentucky Home," and was followed by a reading on the history of Thanksgiving by Gilbert Hess. The members discussed housecleaning. Then followed the song, "Home, Sweet Home," and a reading, "The House by the Side of the Road," by Mrs Grenier.

A chair relay game put on by ten couples provided plenty of fun. The closing song was "The Church in the Valley." The next meeting was announced for December 15 when the annual Christmas party will be held. Parents are urged to bring their children to the party with them.

The charter was draped in honor of the late LeRoy Detwiler, who was an active member of the Trappe group.

The Home Economics committee is still collecting for the War Relief Fund. Miss Evelyn Bechtel is chairman.

RED CROSS OFFICERS WILL HOLD NEXT MEETING JAN. 28

There will be no regular meeting of the officers and directors of the Collegeville branch of the Red Cross during December. The next meeting will be held on January 28 unless an emergency should arise that calls for a special session. At the January meeting officers will be elected.

NEED DONATIONS OF CLOTHING

Another box of clothing will be sent from Collegeville soon for stricken Greeks through the Greek War Relief Association. Anyone interested in aiding this relief organization with gifts of warm clothing, shoes, or bed clothing should contact Mrs. John Gitmas or Mrs E. L. Longacre soon. The relief agency wants serviceable warm clothing, not necessarily new.

TAKES COURSE AT PENSACOLA

James LeRoy Edmonds, 1/c A. M. M. recently finished a course at the Gunairstrutor School, Pensacola, Florida. Edmonds enlisted in the Navy December, 1940. In February, 1941, young Edmonds was transferred to Pensacola and was assigned to duty with the ground crews of one of the flying squadrons there. He is now stationed as "Gunairstrutor" at Corry Field, Pensacola, Florida.

About People You Know in Trappe

Community Christmas Party

The Pal O' Mine Club will sponsor the annual Christmas tree party for Trappe pupils on Tuesday evening, December 21, at 6:30 p. m. in the Trappe public school building. Santa Claus will be there to give each child a gift, an orange and candy. Christmas carols will be sung. All children of the community are invited.

Buy's Mueller Property

Rev Dr and Mrs George Drach, of Baltimore, Maryland, have purchased the Fred Mueller property and will take possession sometime early next year. Dr and Mrs Drach were residents of Trappe some years ago. Mueller will leave for the West Coast in a few weeks to work at the Pacific Tube Company plant in Los Angeles, Calif. Rev Drach is retiring from the ministry.

Fegelys Leave for New York

Rev W. O. Fegely and daughter Alma and Miss Matilda Fegely left on Monday to take up residence with Rev Fegely's son-in-law and daughter, Mr and Mrs Paul P. Davenport in Westchester, New York. Rev Fegely completed almost half a century as pastor of Augustus Lutheran Church at the time of his retirement several months ago. The Augustus Lutheran parsonage is now vacant. The supply pastor is Rev George Pifer, Trappe. The Fegelys may now be addressed at 829 The Parkway (Shore Acres), Mamaroneck, New York.

War Fund Drive

H. W. Mathieu, chairman of the War Fund division for the War Fund drive, asks everyone who was contacted for a donation in his district and who has not yet given to leave the donation at the Mathieu home. A receipt will be issued. Mathieu hopes to end the drive in Trappe this week and it is important that everyone have donations in his hands soon.

Ill With Pneumonia

Mr O. Leland Bechtel, who is employed at the Doehler Die Casting Company in Pottstown, has been very ill with bronchial pneumonia for the past week. His condition is improved at this writing.

Rambling at Random

with JAY HOWARD

Give a pint of your blood so that a soldier may live. The Red Cross blood donor project here Thursday, December 16, needs you. Sign up immediately.

This community was well represented in the deer country up-state

last week—and they brought home their share of the venison, too. Among the successful hunters to bag a buck (to date) are: William Schildt, Norman Bowers, Russell Cassel, Cullen Litka and Robert Hess—the latter three at the same camp. As usual there is a good story connected with practically every hunting trip but we will leave the pleasure of the telling to the individuals themselves. You might ask Alvis Raynor to tell how they had to crawl on hands and knees thru the laurel after that wounded bear—his party got two by the way; and you might ask Cullen Litka how big his buck was, one of the largest killed in that section of Pike County; or ask Bob Hess how far away he was when he brought his 8-pointer down.

We are privileged this week to share another interesting and unusual letter from Pvt Randle Haas of Rahns. Private Haas writes about the front line action he is now experiencing with General Clark's army in Italy. We have published a number of letters from Randle, but the most outstanding was his word picture of

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ONE MINUTE EDITORIALS

The three-power pact made in Iran may be the greatest document since the Magna Charta. Only time will tell what we may expect as a result of the meeting between the three leaders of the U. S., Russia and Britain. We sincerely believe that the pact has the elements of greatness. The one thing that always ruins the peace which follows such pacts is the rearming for the next war—the jealous feelings about the other nations' power—which comes all too often.

The second anniversary of Pearl Harbor day looks bright for the United Nations and gloomy as any picture could look for the Axis. The overwhelming power of too many people, too much wealth in goods, has already brought us great victories and will bring us many more until the day of peace comes.

From where we sit it looks like the duty of everyone who is able to give blood to the Red Cross. Here is one activity which we on the home front can carry on and save lives on the battlefronts as a result. A pint of blood is so little to give. Yet it can mean so much—the life of a soldier on the battlefield. Maybe your son or a relative or a friend. When the mobile unit visits Collegeville be sure to do your part toward making the visit a successful one. Give a pint of your blood that a soldier may live.

The process of giving blood takes so little time, is painless, leaves no ill effects. It makes just about everyone feel proud when you read that blood plasma has saved lives of wounded men on our battlefields. Can you feel proud because you gave?

The annual reorganization meeting of the Collegeville-Trappe School Board took place this week. We've been so busy about the headlines in the papers, the press of war activities, that we seldom give thought to these organizations in our midst which give yeoman service to the community. But that has always been the lot of men and women who are sufficiently interested in school work to service on the board. There is little praise, much criticism.

The work of the Collegeville and Trappe men and women on the board has been splendidly done. Our schools are in fine condition, efficiently operated for the welfare of the student. And that's the final test of school board and administration. Fancy trappings do not make successful men and women of our students. But a good staff, from school board through the very latest faculty member, can do wonders toward making good Americans of the boys and girls now studying in the public schools. We feel that the community enjoys a staff that can do all of that.

All Christian people would rather have peace with want than war with plenty.

We question that the money spent in an election called by the Governor to name a new representative to Congress is money well spent. The thousands of dollars involved might be saved and only a few months lost without representation in Washington. By the time that a man is elected and really is acquainted in Washington circles we will have had time to elect our man at the regular elections next fall.

But if the money must be spent we suppose that we may as well just sit back and not speculate too much about whom we should run for the office since this will be a handpicked candidate no matter what happens. Personally, we would like to see a good Republican from the middle or upper part of the county slated for the spot. But, because of the uneven population distribution, only the exceptionally strong candidate from hereabouts can hope to be elected to any county, state, or national office. Why? Because too few votes from this area means that county leaders will not allow these candidates to be named.

Can the Germans hold out until the third front comes?

NEWS OF 10 AND 25 YEARS AGO

December 7, 1933

The Collegeville Borough Council decided at their regular meeting that the old streetcar tracks along Main Street should be torn up and the middle of the road repaved.

Dr Nathan Rubin, who formerly practiced medicine in Collegeville, has returned to town after spending 14 months in Europe pursuing special post-graduate work in obstetrics.

Mr and Mrs John I. Landes announce the marriage of their daughter, Miss Mary M. Landes, to Dwight Byers, of Broomall.

The residents of Oaks have joined in a fight to keep the county from abandoning the old plank road across the Perkiomen Creek. This old plank road is one of the historic roads in the county.

The large barn on the Horace Place property in Lower Providence Township was saved with only \$200 damage when the roof was ignited by sparks from a nearby field fire.

John Fox, of Evansburg, had good luck while hunting for deer on the opening day. He bagged a four-point buck at 8 o'clock.

Richard Dean and Ernest Heiser, both of whom are registered at the reforestation camp near Driftwood, Pa., spent the weekend at their homes here.

Mr and Mrs I. S. Landis, of near Trappe, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on Sunday.

Harvey S. Moyer was elected president of the Perkiomen Township School Board when that group reorganized on Monday evening.

BOARD OF HEALTH SUBMITS REPORT OF WORK FOR YEAR

The annual report of the Collegeville Board of Health reveals the following routine business for the past year: Measles cases reported 12, German measles, 8; mumps, 14; whooping cough, 5; lobar pneumonia, 1.

In addition the Board inspected 13 eating places within the borough and issued health certificates to 110 employees of restaurants and Ursinus College. Reports to the County Medical department numbered 104 with 12 reports being sent to the County Hygiene Department. Four complaints were received regarding cesspools within the borough limits.

December 12, 1918

Miss Miriam Hendricks is seriously ill with pneumonia at her home in Collegeville.

Relatives have learned of the death of Alvin Houck, of Ironbridge, who was with the A.E.F. in France.

The contract for the repair of the old covered bridge at Yerkes has been awarded to William Just for \$700.

There has been little snow this year to date and the temperature has only been to the zero mark one time. Last year (1917) snow had fallen and local residents had enjoyed much sledding before Christmas.

A thief ransacked the home of Elmer Detwiler, of Ironbridge, last Sunday during the absence of the family. A watch, jewelry, a few pieces of clothing and \$5 in cash was taken.

Mrs O. P. Wagner and Master Paul Wagner, of Pontiac, Illinois, are visiting this week with Dr and Mrs C. D. Yost.

The Board of Supervisors of Lower Providence Township reorganized with these officers elected: J. C. Custer, Audubon, President; Wilson Hedrick, Providence Square, Secretary; and Wilson Price, Treasurer.

Rev J. O. Leaman, of California, is visiting with Rev and Mrs J. K. Bowers and family.

Rev and Mrs George Drach and family, of Trappe, entertained three Ursinus College girls on Sunday.

The new Upper Providence Township building at Black Rock has been completed.

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EAGLEVILLE NEWS

The many friends of Norris Weller, of Summit Avenue, were shocked at his sudden death on Thursday night. He had been sick for several weeks but suffered a heart attack.

Mr Carroll Spangler, H. Meyers and others are on a hunting trip to LaPorte and Williamsport.

Mr and Mrs William Kaufholz, Billy Kaufholz, Dominick Dorazio have returned from a trip to Cammal, Pa.

Mr and Mrs Joseph Yancofski and children spent Sunday in Centralia.

Mr and Mrs F. M. Mayberry and daughter Edythe, of Pottstown, visited Mr and Mrs Countus Mayberry on Sunday afternoon.

Mr and Mrs Woodrow Currington and son Keith visited Lulu Sacks.

ST. JAMES' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Germantown Pike and Evansburg Rd. The Rev. Edward Platts, vicar. Services for December 12, Third Sunday in Advent are as follows: Holy Communion at 8:00. This will be the first Communion for those recently confirmed. Church School at 9:30, Holy Communion and Sermon at 10:45. Our Church School is open to anyone. Any boy or girl or adult is welcome. Classes for all ages. Visitors and others are always welcome to worship with us in this church.

Thursday at 3:45 and 7:30, the choirs practice.

Friday evening the young people will have a skating party.

Monday at 7:30, The Boy Scouts.

Wednesday, December 15, The Men's League and the Woman's Auxiliary are having a joint Christmas social evening. A fine program is being prepared. Don't miss this.

Lower Providence Baptist Church

Eagleville, Rev. James H. Carter, minister.

9:30 Church School, 10:45 Church Worship with sermon, "Why This Waste?" At 7:45 the Christian Endeavor meeting led by Mrs J. H. Carter.

On Monday the Adult Classes meet at the parsonage.

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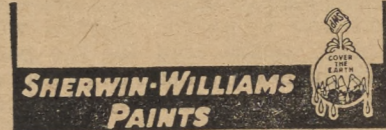
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Private Carl Kuhnt is now located at Fort McCellan, Alabama, where he is beginning his basic training. Kuhnt was inducted from the Collegeville board several weeks ago and was sent to New Cumberland. His present address is Co. B, 26th Battalion, Fort McCellan.

Pfc Earl W. Crist has been assigned to a new station and now has an A.P.O. address. Crist's full address is Co. A, 6th Bn., 1st Replacement Depot, A.P.O. 761, c/o Postmaster, New York City.

According to a card received this week, Ronald C. Crist should be addressed as follows: Cpl Ronald C. Crist, Btry B, 489 A.A.A. (A.W.) Bn., Camp Polk, La. He had been located at Fort Bliss, Texas.

Another change in address is that for A/C Edgar Guest, whose correct address is now Pilot Detachment C, Maxwell Field, Alabama. This is the same field but a different address within the base.

"Pete" Wojciechowski writes from Florida to tell about baseball in the sunny South. Pete was picked on the all-star baseball team at Ybar City and on Thanksgiving Day that

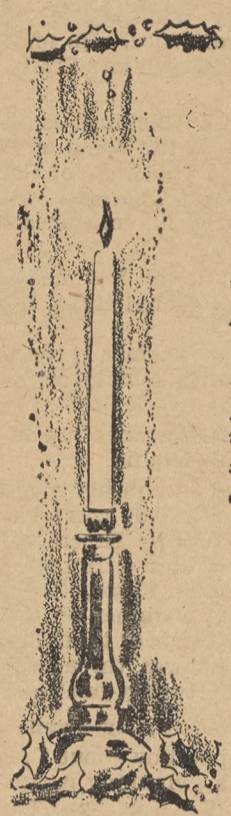
team journeyed the 480 miles to Key West to play the all-stars of that city. Pete says, "It was a wonderful day—about 80 degrees. Key West beat us, 3-2. I pitched and they had three off me. I had 12 strikeouts and Lefty Covington, who is playing for the N. Y. Giants next season, had 10. It was a good game all through."

"Tell the boys I asked about them and wish that they could be down here in the warm climate. I receive The Independent every week and certainly do enjoy reading it. Thanks a lot for sending it to me."

Another change in address—that for Pfc John Geyer. His full address is now Co. D, 378th Port. Bn., T. C., A.P.O. 795, c/o Postmaster, New York City.

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RAMBLING AT RANDOM (Continued on page 4) on his chest, he said in broken English, crying like a baby, "Comrade, don't kill me, you can't kill me, I'm a German Sgt." Just what happened from then on I won't say.

NEWS FROM TRAPPE (Continued from page 1) Mr Harry Whitman is reported ill at his residence. He makes his home with Mr and Mrs Frank Shalkop.

JOINT SCHOOL BOARD (Continued from page 1) the month with 95 percent attendance for the term to date. Of the \$4,479.09 in tuition charges, payments of \$3,578.61 have been received with a balance of \$900.48 due the joint school district.

CLASSIFIED SECTION OBITUARY NOTICE TAPHORN—At Collegeville R. D. 1, Pa., on December 5, 1943, Joseph Taphorn, 64, of Annettsville (nee Hennessy), aged 41 years.

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