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10 Years Ago
Week of March 1-6, 1935

Mrs George Woelfel and Miss Arcola Woelfel sailed this week for a ten-day vacation cruise to Bermuda.
Miss Kathryn Brown submitted to an operation for appendicitis at the Montgomery Hospital.
The Collegeville Democratic Club organized this week with J. Harold Brownback as President; Dr Marcus Old, V-P; Mrs Floyd Mulford, Sec.; and John Zahnd, Treas.
The late H. K. Boyer, prominent citizen of this area and well known politician, left an estate valued at \$11,000.

Mrs Eugene Claycomb was admitted to the Montgomery Hospital as a surgical patient.
Dr James Boswell, Professor at Ursinus College, spoke on, "An Economist Looks at the New Deal," at the meeting of the Conshohocken Rotary Club.

Rev N. F. Schmidt is a patient in the Lanckenau Hospital, Philadelphia.
Mrs Earl Miller was interlocuter and Mrs George Yeagle, Mrs Clarkson Addis, Miss R. Longacre, and Mrs Joseph Hunsicker were end "men" at a minstrel show given by the Boyer Home and School League.

David H. Jones has purchased the farm near Trappe which had been owned by Horace Boyer.

The former Dismant School in Upper Providence township has been rented to the Royersford Hunting and Fishing Club as a clubhouse.

25 Years Ago
Week of March 5-11, 1920

Much damage has been done to buildings along the Perkiomen as ice packs have formed and water has flooded the lowlands along the creek.

Squire Horace Saylor has purchased the property at the Perkiomen Bridge which has served as the stables for the Perkiomen Bridge hotel. He will demolish the stables and erect a garage and auto repair shop.

Another March blizzard—so severe that it tied up all means of travel for about 24 hours—hit this area over the weekend.

Miss Mary Francis is ill with the mumps.

Stephen Tyson is taking possession of his newly purchased home on Main Street, Trappe. Adam Kirkhoff and family of Wisconsin are taking over the Tyson farm.

Cast of the Collegeville High School Senior Class play, Star Bright, included Abram Hallman, Jane B. Moyer, Lillie B. Mucche, Margaret Yost, Frank Clamer, S. Louis Cornish, Blanche Kratz, Horace Walt, Fred Mergenthaler, Helen Shuler, and Gertrude McAllister. Mrs F. W. Gristock directed and the music was under the leadership of Dr M. C. Moller.

The State Inspector of schools called in Trappe this week and condemned almost everything he saw there. Citizens were aroused when he pronounced that conditions were 100 years behind the times in the grade school.

EAGLEVILLE NEWS

Mr and Mrs Leroy Forker spent Sunday in Sanatoga.
Mrs Clyde Noel, of Philadelphia, spent the weekend with Mrs D. K. Sacks and family.

The military funeral of Donald R. McCann, USMC, who was killed suddenly in an automobile accident at Long Beach, California, on February 21, was held here at the Lower Providence Presbyterian church on Tuesday at 2:30 p. m. and was largely attended.

Mrs James Wendling, Mrs William Sloan, Miss Flora Campbell and Mrs Leroy Forker were on a shopping trip to Philadelphia on Saturday.

Mr Urias Bean, who had been on the sick list, is greatly improved.

Mr and Mrs Ernest Van Meer spent Sunday with Mrs Beck's family at King of Prussia.

ST. JAMES' EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Germantown Pike and Evansburg Rd. The Rev Edward Platts, vicar.
Services for March 11, Fourth Sunday in Lent are as follows:
Church School at 9:30.
Holy Communion and Sermon at 10:45.

Lenten Services as follows:
Thursday, March 8—Evening service and congregational hymn singing at 7:45.

Tuesday, March 13—Holy Communion at 10:00. After this service the women stay and make surgical dressings.

Activities:
Sunday at 7:00, the young people of the community meet.

Superior Tube Bowling Results

Table with columns: League Standing, W., L.
Nickel: 7, 2
Stainless: 6, 2
Aluminum: 5, 3
Beryllium: 4, 4
Chrome: 3, 5
Copper: 1, 7
Kovar: 1, 7

High Single
William Robbins (men): 220
Helen Tomczuk (women): 192
High Triple
William Robbins (men): 535
Helen Tomczuk (women): 434

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KOVAR
F. Pennypacker: 120, 116, 97, 333
H. Clark: 116, 115, 125, 356
M. Shaner: 108, 125, 110, 343

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R. McFarland: 101, 90, 90, 281
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R. Buffard: 101, 137, 123, 361

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V. Jury: 125, 129, 150, 404
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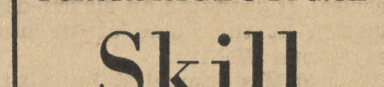
CHROME
E. Schmidt: 142, 154, 139, 435
H. Tomczuk: 137, 105, 132, 434
R. Yeagle: 118, 91, 113, 322

HELL TARIFF CHANGES TO EXTEND RURAL PHONE SERVICE
Tariff changes enabling 96 percent of the families living in the rural territory served by the Bell Telephone Company to secure telephone service along a public highway, without charges for pole line construction, have been filed with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission.

Under the new tariffs the company will provide service along public highways without charges for building the line for any applicant who lives within 2640 feet—half a mile—of an existing telephone line. This is an increase from the present 1600 foot limit. Charges for construction in excess of 2640 feet would be cut in half under the proposed changes, which provide for 100 feet of new construction at a cost of \$5, compared to the present rate of \$5 for each 50 feet.

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NEWS OF LOCAL MEN AND WOMEN IN OUR NATION'S
VICTORY PARADE
 ARMY — NAVY — MARINES — WAVES — WACS — SPARS

Corporal Harold B. (Hap) Weber sends this V-Mail from somewhere in Italy.

"Well, gentlemen, I think that I had better write you a letter to tell you that The Independent is finally catching up to me. The latest one on January 4. I certainly do enjoy reading the news from in and around Collegeville and your column on the boys in the service is especially interesting because it enables me fellows overseas to keep track of the other fellows from back home.

"I hope that this all ends very soon so that we may all come home again to our loved ones."

Also by V-Mail comes a message from Corporal Floyd D. Mulford, in Hawaii. Mulford says that the feeling exists in the Army that all strikers should be immediately put into the Army. "Mully" also tells of the meeting between he and Claude Moyer some time ago.

Private first class Francis M. Knecht, of Trappe, a member of the 30th Infantry Division of the First Army which has fought in France, Holland, Belgium and Germany—including the Nazi "bulge" attack — was commended for his part in the fighting in Europe by L. S. Hobbs, Major General, in charge of the division to which Knecht is attached. General Hobbs, in commending the members of the 30th Infantry Division, said, "You have fought the good fight, under terrific handicaps of weather and terrain. My congratulations to you one and all." Knecht is with an antiaircraft battalion and finished a year overseas in January.

Private Howard L. Landis, Rahns, in a letter from his base at Fort McClellan, Alabama, writes that he has begun his specialized training at the infantry training school. His address: Co. A, 15th Bn., 5th Reg., IRTC, Fort McClellan.

Harvey Gennaria writes from the Pacific, sending Jap occupation (Philippine Island) banknotes. At the time of writing Gennaria told that water is rationed to the point where two gallons daily is allowed for bathing. In a bucket bath you can stretch two gallons pretty far when you are accustomed to it, he says.

The address for Corporal Earl Scheffey has changed slightly although he is still stationed at Luke Field, Phoenix, Arizona. His correct address is now Sq. C-6, Box 1092, Luke Field. Scheffey said that he has met a soldier from Souderton and they had a nice chat together. "Weather has been fairly nice, quite a contrast from your state—also lighter on the fuel. Gas is used for heating down here."

Elwood T. Hunsicker WT1/c, with the Seabees in the Pacific, sends a snapshot of himself and Lewis Schatz taken a few weeks ago on a visit the two local servicemen made to a native village on the island where they met.

Lieutenant Helen K. Smull, daughter of Mr Frank Smull, of Trappe, met Henry Blythe, of Evansburg, somewhere in France recently according to a letter which the Trappe nurse sent to her father. Blythe was hospitalized and was one of Miss Smull's patients in a tent hospital not far behind the line of fighting.

Corporal Albert J. Konrad, son of Mr and Mrs Julius Konrad, Trappe, is now stationed in the Philippines and has been assigned a new APO address in care of the Postmaster at San Francisco, California.

Claude T. Moyer writes to say thanks for the paper and to assure us that he reads every word. "Even the ads," Moyer concludes.

Private Daniel P. Wells, Schwenksville R. D., a brother of Mrs George Moyer, Collegeville, has been honorably discharged from the U. S. Army. A veteran of 26

months in the service, Wells spent 13 months on New Guinea with a medical detachment and took part in the invasion of several South Pacific islands which have been wrested from the Japs. He is the holder of the Good Conduct Medal and is entitled to wear the Pacific-Asiatic service ribbon.

Mrs Arlene Kirby, Schwenksville R.D., has received the Purple Heart medal which was awarded posthumously to her late husband, Private first class John H. Kirby, Jr., who was reported killed in action in Germany on October 27.

Second Lieutenant Gerald M. Plush has been transferred on the West coast from Gold Beach, Oregon, to the 1374th Signal Company WG, Camp Pinedale, Fresno, California.

From Lieutenant (jg) Helen Wismer, daughter of Mr and Mrs Harry Wismer, Collegeville R.D. 1, a former teacher in the Collegeville-Trappe high school comes this letter from Washington, D. C.

"I can't help but think what The Independent must mean to the boys overseas when I know how interested I am in it and I keep in close touch with home and my Collegeville friends. But so often each correspondent thinks that another one has written me about something and neglects to tell me. So The Independent keeps me in touch.

"Bob Mathieu, Mrs Allebach, Mrs Rasmussen, Ray Miller, Eugene

Michael, Donald McCann—all have died far before the expected time. Collegeville has indeed changed in the 22 months I've been away. "Again thanks for The Independent. I certainly think you are doing your share to keep up the morale of those in the service."

Air Cadet Xenil Felton sent this letter:

"The popular phrase, "Deep in the Heart of Texas," properly locates me after shipment from the hills of Tennessee. This (San Antonio) is the "West Point of the Air" and presently I shall be in my pre-flight phase of training. The air cadet center is adjacent to Kelly Field.

"Grass is a lovely green here, forsythia, wigelia, and fruit blossoms are out in their Spring array. Field of onions will be harvested before too long."

Felton's new address is Sect OO, P.C.U., SAACC, Barracks 5540, San Antonio, Texas.

Marine Private William Hessler returned to his home at Evansburg on Saturday from the San Diego, California, Naval Hospital. Hessler

was given an honorable medical discharge. He was wounded in fighting with the Marines in the Pacific and was invalided back to the states where he has been under treatment for a spinal injury for some months.

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