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CURIOSITY COSTS LIFE OF JAPANESE

Nip Threw Grenade At Pfc. Chas. Feeback, Jr., Who Drills Him Between His Slant Eyes

With The 24th Infantry Division In The Philippines—January 3, 1945—A Jap's curiosity cost him his life when he peeked up to see if he had killed Private First Class Charles Feeback, Jr., a tough Kentucky Infantryman from Carlisle.

The Nip threw a grenade at Feeback, and the Kentuckian hit the dirt and waited. Then, when Tojo raised up to see if the grenade had done its job, Feeback drilled him between his slant eyes.

It was the second close call Feeback had in as many days when this famed "Victory Division" was assaulting Suicide Hill in the Ormoc Corridor in Leyte.

The day before the crack Infantryman was just behind the lead scout as his company attacked during a blinding tropical downpour. The scout turned to Feeback and said:

"Keep your eyes open, I can't see a ——— thing."

Feeback had his eyes open, and it was a good thing, because just then a Nip bobbed up out of his foxhole in front of the scout. Feeback's finger froze on the trigger on his Tommy gun and he cut the Jap almost in two.

Feeback is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Feeback, Carlisle.

VALLA NORTON RAMEY IN "NUTCRACKER BALLET"

A clipping with a beautiful picture of Valla Norton Ramey from the Post-Enquirer of Oakland, Calif., has been received by friends here. Valla is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carey Ramey, of Hillside, Berkeley, Calif. She took part in the San Francisco Ballet Guild production of the "Nutcracker Ballet" Sunday, December 3.

Mr. and Mrs. Ramey, with a group of Valla's young friends, witnessed the production from the Ramey box at the War Memorial Opera House.

Miss Ramey is the niece of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bramblet, at East Union. She and her father spent several weeks here last summer and made many close friends here at Mt. Sterling, Millersburg and Lexington.

NICHOLAS NATIVE DIES IN LEXINGTON

Mrs. Shirley Warren Beeler, 48, died unexpectedly last Saturday at her home, 101 Venice park, Lexington.

Widow of Fred Beeler, Mrs. Beeler for the past two years had been information director at the University of Kentucky Student Union building. She retired Friday night without complaining of feeling ill, and was taken with a sudden heart attack which resulted in her death.

Until the war conditions forced the majority of the University's fraternity houses to close, Mrs. Beeler had served as housemother for the Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity. She was a native of Nicholas county, a daughter of the late Mary Jane Prather Warren and David Harrison Warren.

She was a member of Broadway Christian church, Lexington, and the Fayette County Homemakers' Club.

Besides her father, she is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Jane W. McGraw, wife of James W. McGraw, now with the United States Army in the European war theater; two sisters, Miss Rose Warren, Lexington, and Wave Lyda H. Warren, Jacksonville, Fla.; three brothers, Ross and Forrest C. Warren, both of Louisville, and Gerald Warren, New York City, and two grandsons, James Warren McGraw and Michael Beeler McGraw, Lexington.

The funeral service was held Tuesday in Lexington with interment in the Lexington cemetery.

MRS. BARNETTE SUFFERS INJURY IN FALL FRIDAY

Mrs. E. Hampton Barnette suffered a leg injury Friday afternoon when she slipped and fell from the icy front steps at her home, the parsonage on Locust street.

She was conveyed to the Good Samaritan hospital in Lexington. Mrs. Barnette is the wife of the minister of the Carlisle Methodist church.

BASKETBALL

The Carlisle Musketeers will play Sharpsburg at the Carlisle high school gymnasium, Tuesday night, Jan. 9. Game begins at 7:00. Admission: Adults 35c, students and children, 25c.

Long, Long Trail to Russia

More than 4,380,440 tons of war implements and goods from America's factories to Russia, have been shipped through the Persian Corridor. The goods are sent by rail and truck across some of the most varied and difficult terrain in the world. This is the only theater where the Russians, British and Americans are fighting together.

LOCAL BOY WEARS HONOR MEDALS

Cpl. John T. Hamilton, son of Ernest Hamilton, is at an air base in New Guinea where he is stationed as an Aircraft Engine Mechanic in an air depot repair unit in the Fifth Air Service Area Command, part of the Far East Air Forces.

Cpl. Hamilton is a graduate of Carlisle High School, and worked with his father before enlisting in the Army Air Forces in October, 1942. He graduated from the AAF Aircraft Engine Mechanics' School at Keesler Field, Mississippi, and specialized in Aircraft Electrical work at the AAF School in Chanute Field, Illinois. He left for overseas duty in July, 1943, where he works on the Flight Test line at an engine and electrical trouble shooter.

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He is entitled to wear the Asiatic-Pacific medal with Bronze Star for the New Guinea campaign, the Good Conduct medal, the AAF Mechanic's medal, the Engineering sleeve patch, and three overseas stripes.

SEND IN CASUALTY REPORTS

It would be greatly appreciated by The Mercury if those in Nicholas county who receive messages of casualties from the War Department or the Navy would notify this office immediately upon receipt of such information, giving the name of the youth, his rank, whether he was wounded or killed in action, is missing in action or is a prisoner of war and in what area he was serving. This newspaper would also like information as to his age ,length of service, and where he received his training. Recipients of messages are requested to bring in the news reports to us or mail them in. Only through the cooperation of the parents or other relatives can this newspaper give all the facts in a case.

TO OPEN BEAUTY SHOP SOON

Mrs. Dan Rich, who has been associated with Mrs. Keller Hughes in the Cardinal Beauty Shop, on Mulberry street for several years, has leased the rooms in the Deposit Bank building, on Locust street, formerly occupied by Dr. T. H. Brown, and will open a beauty shop.

CARLISLE DRUG REMODELING

The interior of the Carlisle Drug Co. is undergoing some changes this week. Mr. Bradshaw, the proprietor, states the remodeling was necessary to better serve his increasing business. The changes will also make it more convenient for customer and clerk.

NICHOLAS COUNTY MASONS ELECT OFFICERS

Omer A. Berry was elected master of Dougherty Lodge No. 65, F. and A. M. at the annual meeting last Wednesday, December 27. Martin Judge was named senior warden, Maurice King, junior warden; E. Hampton Barnette, chaplain; H. C. Norton, treasurer; Howard K. Veach, secretary; Hord Crouch senior deacon; John Ferguson, junior deacon; Rolla Cavanaugh, senior steward; Howard E. Colliver, junior steward, and Earl Marshal, tyler.

Howard Irvin was elected worthy master of the B. F. Reynolds lodge, No. 443, F. and A. M., in Moorefield, at the annual election December 27. Other officers named were: W. M. Kendall, senior warden; the Rev. W. B. Dampier, junior warden; H. C. Wade, treasurer; J. H. Wilson, secretary; Otho D. Clark, senior deacon; W. G. Irvin, junior deacon.

Y. L. Allison was elected master of Orient Lodge No. 500. Headquarters December 27 at the annual election. Others elected were John Frymon, senior warden; Claud W. Tincher, junior warden; L. M.Gaffin, treasurer; O. R. Gaffin secretary; H. R. Hilbeck, senior deacon; Rev. I. S. Pineur, junior deacon; C. W. Fechack and John G. Allison stewards; C. C. Jones, tyler.

Osborne Anderson was elected master of Blue Lick Masonic Lodge No. 495 at the annual meeting held December 27. Other officers elected were J. Milton Frysman, senior warden; William Hudnall, junior warden; Charles Kenton, treasurer; Dan E. Wells, secretary; Oval Day, senior deacon; Thompson Anderson, junior deacon; Victor Day, tyler; Elmer Moss and Charles Scheffler, stewards; William Ritchie, chaplain.

SALES REPORT FARMERS STOCK YARDS CO.

Carlisle, Kentucky
January 2, 1945

Hogs-Receipts

Packers, None; Mediums, $14.00 down; Shoats, $8.00-$11.30; Sows, $13.20.

Cattle-Receipts

Steers, $13.00 to $13.70; Heifers $10.00 - $11.45; Cows, $41.00 to $61.00; Cows and Calves, None; Stock Cattle and Bulls, None.

Sheep and Lambs-Receipts

Top E. and W., None; Medium E. and W., $12.50 down; Top E. and B., None; Medium E. and B., $8.00 - $12.00; Common, None; Stock Sheep, $10.50.

Calves-Receipts

Top Veals, $16.50; Medium, $13.00 to $16.00; Common and Large, $13.00 to $13.50.

MRS. LOGAN FALLS

Mrs. Paul Logan of Barterville, fell on an icy porch at her home Dec. 27 and suffered a fracture of the big bone in her left leg, between the knee and ankle. She was brought to the local hospital and is getting along favorably. Her husband is serving in the U. S. Navy, and located for the past six months in the Hawaiian Islands.

WASTE PAPER GOES TO WAR

Several hundred thousand items used by the armed forces of the United States require paper in packaging or construction. Huge amounts of paper board are used by the Red Cross for blood plasma containers. All Army clothing and equipment is shipped in waterproof paper wrappers.

Multiwall paper bags are used extensively in shipping flour and dehydrated foods. Each weapon part must be wrapped in grease-proof paper and in waterproof paper.

All kinds of paper are used by the Army and the Navy, from vegetable parchment .0015 inch thick to heavy paper board and wallboard.

Be certain that our fighting men fet the materials they need, properly packed and wrapped.

BURIALS INCREASE IN YEAR OF 1944

Hearts Ailments Takes Largest Number, 37 Died Between 60 and 70, One Over 90.

The Carlisle Cemetery Company makes annual report at close of business, December 31, 1944. Comparative totals are given for the years 1941-42-43. The record is as follows:

Infant interments 9 (4 were still-born); adults 95, and removals 1, making a total of 105.

The ages and proportionate number to each age buried here during 1944 are over 90, 1; 80 to 90, 21; 70 to 80, 27; 60 to 70, 29; 50 to 60, 8; 12 to 50, 10; and under 12, 9.

Causes of death were recorded, heart 27, cerebral hemmorrhage 10, cancer 15, coronary occlusion 4, still born 4, accidental 2, eclaemia 2, myocarditis 1, shock following operation 1, brain tumor 1, leukemia 1, pemphigus 1, nephritis 1 suffocation 1, undulent fever 1, pelvic infection 1, paralysis 1, diabetis 3, arterio sclerosis 2, pneumonia 8, tbc 1, tuberculosis 5, not reported 2, dropsy 1.

Three-year comparisons are, 1943, infants 8, adults 82, removals 2, total 92; 1942, infants 7, adults 89, removals 1, total 97; 1941, infants 8, adults 88, removals 1, total 97.

WESTFALL SELLS ROE FARM

The Westfall Realty Co. announces the sale of the Whitaker and 43-acre farm near Hooktown to Raymond Gaunce, of Paris.

OBSERVATIONS

WE SEE AND HEAR
By Monty

DUCKS IN ICE POOL

During the recent severe cold spell ten ducks had rooted on a small lake which had frozen over during the night except the small portion of the lake where the ducks seemed to be having a great time flopping their wings and chattering and appeared to be quite comfortable when awaking from the night's sleeping with ice frozen all around them.

TO GET MORE FROM CIGARETTES

This suggestion comes from a soldier at the battlefront. He suggests that by using a cigarette holder the smoker can get nearly twice as much smoking from each cigarette. He says he cuts his smokes in approximately half by the use of the holder. It's not a bad idea during this cigarette shortage, and during this cigarette in half and get two pretty good smokes where you formerly had one.

WANTED WHITE SNOW

After the recent snow had become soiled from coal soot and other dirty substances a young girl remarked to her mother — "Mother, I wish this old dirty snow would leave and a new white snow would some for Christmas."

TOO MUCH CHRISTMAS?

Just what does a person mean when a remark is made—"Did you have too much Christmas?" Usually it is an insinuation that one has imbibed too extensively in drinks of alcoholic content, such as wines, liquors, etc. But a person might have "too much Christmas" by overtaxing the physical strength by going out at all hours of the night, losing sleep, or eating too heavily. Too much of anything at any time is just too much.

Tots Raise Cubs on Bottle

Judith Snow feeds "Diana," who is being held by Nell Smith, while "Donna" on the scales, looks on. These two lion cubs are three weeks old, and because they were deserted by their mother, "adopted" by Mrs. Herman Snow, San Francisco. When they can feed themselves, they will be returned to the zoo.

FULLER ACCEPTS STATE G. O. P. POST

E. H. Fuller of Lexington will resign his position as director of securities for the Commonwealth of Kentucky to accept a newly created post as executive secretary of the Republican State Central Committee, it was anounced by W. A. Stanfill, state Republican chairman.

Mr. Fuller is a former sheriff of Fayette county, long has been prominent in Republican political affairs both here and throughout the state.

Appointment of a full-time executive secretary was authorized unanimously by the State Central Committee at a meeting last summer. Mr. Stanfill explained that Mr. Fuller would maintain an office at Frankfort, but would spend a part of his time visiting Republican leaders throughout the state and also would work at the state headquarters at Louisville. He will have no official connection with the state government.

Mr. Stanfill, in announcing the appointment, stated:

"We had the best organization during the last election that we have ever had, and we want to keep it active and militant and fighting. Things will not always be as they now are and, four years from now, we should be able to cast the electoral vote of Kentucky for a Republican president."

2,800,000 IS TOTAL SERVICE MEN'S VOTE

Best estimates obtainable from election officials place the service vote in the recent presidential race at around 2,800,000.

This is far below the 3,392,000 estimated by state officers prior to the Nov. 7 election as likely to be cast. But it is a far greater percentage of the service strength than that recorded in the 1942 congressional elections.

The total military and civilian vote the last year was 47,971,156 rected to date.

The only official figure available on potential voters in the armed services was that furnished by the Census Bureau. It listed males in uniforms as of Jan. 1, 1944, at 7,860,000. The actual figure is higher considering the fighting growth since then, women eligibles and the fact that uniformed men and women as young as 18 are allowed to vote in Georgia.

In Kentucky the service vote was 31,672.

But based on that total of 7,860,000, the 1944 estimate of the service vote is around 35 per cent. That compares with the less than one-half of one per cent who voted in the off-year elections in 1942. In a message to Congress last January urging a new federal ballot law, President Roosevelt said only 28,000 out of 5,700,000 in the service voted two years ago.

REAL ESTATE SALES

The Fightmaster Real Estate Agency reports the following sales:

At public auction for George "Buddy" Wasson, on the Soper Pike in Bourbon county, a 71-acre tract to Sam and Ed Wasson at $187.75 an acre, and a 72-acre tract to Bruce Cleaver for $139.75 per acre. The same agency also sold the home of Mrs. Verda H. Stone on East Main street to J. Basom Jacobs, of Moorefield, at a private price. Possession will be given February 10.

LEAF SALE AVERAGES

Burley sale averages on opening days after the holidays shown at Kentucky warehouses:

Lexington averages Tuesday were $47.07; Cynthiana $47.84; Danville $43.48; Harrodsburg $42.82; Mt. Sterling $45.92; Paris $47.95; Richmond $43.53.

NICHOLAS FARMS SOLD

The Scott-Kendall Sales Company and Dan Westfall Realty Company sold at public auction December 28 three farms in Nicholas county to settle the estates of the late W. C. and Sallie Harr Crouch.

Tract No. 1, known as the Wise farm, in the east end, containing 105 acres was bought by Allie Clinkenbeard for $110 an acre. Tract No. 2, on Moorefield road, containing 100 acres, was bought by Basil Crouch for $140 an acre and tract No. 3, on East Union road, containing 188 acres, was bought by Coleman Crouch, of Lexington for $97.50 per acre. The large brick residence on High street, Dorsey ville, was withdrawn when bid to $4,200.

RECENT MOVERS

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Flora have moved to the residence on North Broadway recently purchased from Mr. and Mrs. James Hardin. The Hardins are temporarily located in the J. H. Fulton home on Main street.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Neal are moving from East Main street to the Bostain property on Elm street which they purchased several weeks ago, and Mr. and Mrs. Claud Fields are moving to the Neal property which they bought.

USE OF V-MAIL FOR OVERSEAS IS URGED

The Army and Navy urges greater use of V-mail in writing to service men overseas in order to conserve transportation space.

The services expressed concern over recent drops in the use of the microfilm service by both service men overseas and civilians at home. The Army and Navy want civilians to use V-mail for four out of five letters ,reserving air mail for an occasional long letter or one requiring enclosures.

PLANE CRASH KILLS MECHANIC IN FAYETTE

Loyal J. Spengler, 38, a mechanic at the Boone county airport on the Newtown pike, near Lexington, was killed instantly shortly before 3:30 p. m. Tuesday when a light plane he was piloting crashed in a field near the airport less than 10 minutes after the takeoff.

The plane was the property of Clyde Wilcoxen and valued at $2,000. Spengler had been overhauling the craft.

TWO WEDDINGS DURING CHRISTMAS WEEK

Two marriages have been reported in Carlisle during the Christmas holidays. The contracting parties and dates of ceremonies were Miss Louella Mae Robertson and Mr. William Thomas Moore on December 23, and Miss Katherine Dilzell and Mr. William Thomas Mellvain, December 27. Rev. LaVerne Taylor, pastor of the Christian church, officating at both weddings.

TUESDAY COLDEST DAY

Tuesday was the coldest day of the winter when the temperature dropped to 1 degree below zero. This was the coldest weather in this section since January 10, 1942. Snow and ice made traveling hazardous. Forecasts indicate the cold spell will gradually break with slightly warmer weather accompanied by occasional light snow.

RECOVERING FROM INJURY IN RECENT AUTO WRECK

Although not being fully recovered, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. George, who were seriously injured in an automobile accident while returning from Lexington about two weeks ago, are each able to be out.

NATION BREAKS FISCAL RECORDS

Government Spending Last Year Same As Estimated Consumer Spending

An Associated Press report from Washington by Max Hall gives some interesting data concerning national receipts and disbursements for the year 1944. The report states that in 1944 the United States government collected more, spent more, and borowed more money than in any previous year of its history.

Uncle Sam established new world records which may stand up a long time.

However, the deficit — the amount by which spending exceeding income—did not set a record, and that's considered good news. It was still huge—52 billion dollars—but in 1943 it was 53 1-2 billion.

An unofficial analysis of the daily treasury statements through Dec. 26 shows that in the calendar year 1944:

Net receipts, mostly taxes, will be nearly 45 billion dollars in 1943 they were 34 1-2 billion. In prewar 1939 they were about five billion.

Total expenditures, not counting several billions spent by government corporations, will hit 97 billion dollars. In 1943 they were 88 billion. In 1939: less than 10 billion.

If you subtract the net receipts from the total expenditures, you arrive at the aforementioned deficit of 52 million.

Of the 97 billion expenditures, war spending amounted to about 89 billion. Adding one and one-half billion spent on the war by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, the grand total of 1944 war costs is over 90 billion. The comparable figure for 1943 was around 85 billion.

To pay for the war, the government increased its public debt by a record-breaking 62 billion dollars. For the first time, three war loans were held in one year.

The total debt, including obligations guaranteed by the government, rose from 170 to 232 billion dollars. The greatest previous increase in the debt any one year was 58 billion in 1943.

Borrowing of 62 billion in 1944 was enough to take are of the 52-billion deficit and, in addition, raise the Treasury balance by 10 billion. This balance was 12 billion a year ago. It's about 22 billion now.

By pure coincidence, government spending this year was the same as estimated consumer spending—97 billion dollars.

FARMERS STOCK YARDS UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

The Farmers Stock Yards in Carlisle continues operation under new management with the first sale Tuesday, January 2.

Mr. Jake Harrison, who has been operating the local yards for the past two years, has relinquished his connection as manager and S. S. Shannon, of Millersburg, and Melton McCleary, of Cynthiana, have assumed control as co-managers. The entire personnel will continue with the new management.

Sales will be held as usual each Tuesday and all patrons are invited to bring their stocks here for a good market.

TEACHERS MEETING POSTPONED

The meeting of the county school teachers has been postponed due to the snow and icy conditions. Checks for the teachers and bus drivers will be ready Saturday, January 6.

Latest War Bulletins

Von Rundstedt, his offensive in Belgium beaten back, launches attacks on the Third Army front between Saarbrucken and Saarregumines. To the south, his attacks in the Bitche sector have made a sizable dent in the Seventh Army lines.

British planes drop 6,000 tons of bombs on Berlin, Nuremberg and Ludwigshafen in one of their biggest raids in daylight blows. American planes loose more than 3,000 tons on transportation centers and communications behind German lines.

The battered German garrison holding Budapest moves into the cellars of that shattered city. The Russians now control nearly 900 blocks of buildings in the Hungarian capital.