

THE WAY IT WAS!

IN LEBANON COUNTY

AUGUST 1945

- “Four Meily Brothers in the Army.” Elvin F., Vernon P., Albert J., and Marlin Meily, of Heilmandale are now serving in the U.S. Army.
- “A murder was committed at Mt. Gretna last night....” Fortunately it was only a play “Ladies in Retirement” produced at the Playhouse with William Sandy, Kathleen Phelan, Jeanne Taylor, Joan Deweese, Milan Paige and Helen McGill. Charles Coghlan, Director.
- “Tarzan and the Amazon” was showing at the Colonial Theater with Johnny Weissmuller to “the rescue of untaught forest maidens.”
- Captain Paul A. Miller, a chaplain in the Ninth Army Air Force, and former assistant pastor of Salem United Brethren Church, is home on furlough from service in England, France, Belgium and Germany.
- Fettrow’s at Grantville is temporarily closed because of our inability to replace employees who are ill. [no unemployment then!]
- Employees at the Frackville Pajama Factory in Schaefferstown enjoyed a picnic at Hershey Park on Saturday.
- “Toots and Casper” and “Bringing Up Father” were two of the popular comic strips of the day in the *Lebanon Daily News*.
- Mel Ott of the New York Giants hit his 500th home run, joining the 500 club with Babe Ruth far ahead at 714 and Jimmy Foxx with 531.
- A copy of the “Libanon Demokrat” [note spelling], a weekly German language newspaper dated August 28, 1862, was on display at the *Daily News* office. It reported on Civil War days in the county.
- President Harry Truman, Premier Joseph Stalin, Prime Ministers Winston Churchill and Clement Atlee met at Potsdam.
- The Lebanon City Council and the County Commissioners debated the adequacy of the “Narrows” site purchased for the city municipal airport.

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