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8 Bellefonte Men CHARGE FROM In Casualty Lists UNLOADED GUN Four Die; One Missing and Three Wounded WUUNUS YU On Battlefronts. . Other County Men

Are Reported Wound

Bellefonte received one of its vealed to relat. r Department telegrams Shot by Brother While when casualty reports from World end.

War II revealed that four local men | On Janua. Oche War Department had lost their lives in action. In had notified the families of the men addition another is missing in action that all were missing in action in and five Bellefonte men and two Belgium as of December 17, the day

time



Pvt. Donald L. Bloom **Killed** in Action

Flack, all of whom lost their lives in a field artillery unit in Belgium on December 17. and Harvey N. Benn, Jr., 24. Gunner's Mate second class, who lost his life in line of duty in the Pacific, Benn's brother, Theodore Benn, lost dis life in · France early last month. Missing is Pfc. Elwood Dorr, of

Bellefonte. The wounded are

Pvt. James Johnson, 24. of Bellefonte, slightly wounded in Belgium on January 19.

Cpl. Leroy C. Hall, 22. of Belle-fonte, slightly wounded in Belgium on January 19.

Lt. Francis Murshall. Bellefonte, certously wounded in Germany on January 14.

Serious from other parts of Centre county of the opening of the great German breakthrough. It is indicated that boys who had taken the day off from school ended in tragedy short-R. Breon, 22, and Pfc Lonald J. An ill-fated turkey hunting ex-

William Summers, 14,

Playing. Condition

Lee Summers, 14. shot and serious-The men are: Pvt. Donald L. ly wounded his brother, William R. Bloom, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wil- Summers, 12.

liam Bloom, of Pleasant View, just The boys are sons of Mr. and Mrs. north of Bellefonte. T.5 Charles R. Roy Summers, who reside along the usband of Mrs. Virginia Dry Top road, about a mile north Cummo Breon, also of Pleasant dew. and Pfc. Donald J. Flack, 21, place in the Summers home, during the absence of their mother and of their grandfather. The boys' father of Halfmoon Terrace. is employed in Akron, Ohio.

Details of how they lost their lives The wounded youth received vill not be known until further word glancing blow from a charge of shot from their commanding officer is re- fired from a thotgun, at a range of shire, Lord Hampden, accompanied Water street. Bellefonte, who was he entered the employ of the Warceived.

The military histories of the three the outer side of his right knee at men are almost identical. They en- the joint, tearing the flesh and shat-

tering the armed forces on January tering the knee joint. 19. 1043, and at the induction con- Through the presence of mind of ter at New Cumberland were assign- his brother and the two other boys, ed to the field artillery and were sent the wounded lad was saved from alto Camp Gruber. Oklahoma. Later most certain death. As soon as the most certain death. As soon as the shot was fired, the other boys real-artillery observation school at Ft. ized the seriousness of the wound Sill, Okla., and in August 1944 were and immediately applied a tournisent to England. The men served in France, Bel-for a moment or two every fifteen

fum, Holland and Germany, and minutes to allow a limited circulawere sent back into Belgium only a tion of blood through the damaged hort time before they were listed as limb. missing in action. Relatives here

As it was, William suffered greatly from shock and loss of blood, and

been unsatisfactory since the mis-Present in the little home at the time of the shooting were William and Earl Summers and two friends,

Donald Burns, 14, and his brother, Walter, aged 9, who reside not far from the Summers home.

All the boys attend the Boggs towninip school at Central City, but had stayed away from school that day and had gone to the Summers day and had gone to the Summers home where they spent some time ments furnished State Police officers John Eiser Acoult and E. B. Barney. They saw several turkeys, but did the family heard the sound of a the target for the sound of a the sound of a committee composed of Mrs. Larbura Kline, chairman of the March of Dimes campaign here: Cask Watcon new secretary of Live VAICA, and Semuel D. Rhinesmith and Earl K. Stock. The visiting team will be a group officials.

BELLEFONTE, PA., THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1945

The Centre Democrat

Bellefonte Man Visited By Royalty In England

The Lord Lieutenant of Hartford- Taking to Hart" N. Zell, J. of South fonte. Upon Mr. Schaeffer's death about five feet. The charge struck the outer side of his right knee at minimuden, recently paid an indergoing medical treatment at the ner Company and was working there underway, was discovered. The cannery buildings and the entered the armed forces the cannery buildings and the structure of the cannery buildings and the structure of the struct official visit to an American military Zell is widely known in Bellefonts on March 23. 1944. His wife, Mrs. at the northeast corner of the prison

Schaeffer, he was employed at the South Water street, on what is burned to the ground, while the ...

hospital in Hertfordshire, England, and vicinity. For many years prior Helen R. Zell, and two children, stockade, and spent several hours chatting to the death of the late Harvey P. Margie and Dale, reside just off The f

In the photo above they are seen Schaeffer hardware store in Bello- known as "Stony Batter.



mands Better Law

A wounded veteran of Work War An all-ster basketball game will The tax rate for Bellefonte Bor-II, who received an honorable dis- be held at the new Bellefonte High out for 1945 was retained at 13 the fire 30 per cent of the 1944 outcharge from the service on October School gymnasium on Monday night, mills by action of Borough Council put of the cannery had been shipped 27, 1943, died at the Centre County February 12, for the benefit of the jat a regular meeting, Monday night, to other state institutions so only a Hospital here at 5 a. m. Sunday as local March of Dimes campaign, when a budget calling for estimated comparatively small quantity was receipts and expenditures of \$60,- in storage at the time of the fire. The game was scheduled knough 576.66 during the current year was The day before the fire a crew of



SUBSCRIPTION-\$1.50 PER YEAR.

Heavy Damage In Fire at Rockview

Cannery Buildings Swept By Flames; Auxiliary Building is Destroyed and Machinery Damaged. Cause of Blaze Unknown

Fire which officials believe may prison painters had just completed have been caused by a short circuit painting the woodwork in the main in the electrical system destroyed an building

auxiliary building at the Rockview Firemen used water from booster prison canvery, and damaged the tanks and also obtained a steady main building and much of the can- supply of water from fire plugs on ning machinery and equipment, late the prison grounds fed by the prison reservoir in McBride's Gap. Friday afternoon.

High winds blew flames from the Officials were unable to estimate wooden auxiliary building into the the amount of the loss. It is believed main building and firemen from that the destroyed structure may be Bellefonte, Pleasant Gap and State replaced with a building of fireproof College battled the fire for more construction The Rockview cannery is a major han three hours.

Work in the cannery was discon- industry at the prison. The 1944 tinued at about 4 p. m. Friday, and output of cauned fruits and vegeeverything was in order a half hour tables totaled 247,626 gallons. later when a prison inspector made figure included 20,928 gallons of apa routing check of the buildings, ples, 67,620 galions of apple sauce Enortly before 5 p. m. a guard in 1.194 gallons of apple jells: 42.342 one of the prison towers noticed gallons of peas; 5,028 gallons of spinimoke pouring from the eaves of the ach; 19,884 gallons of green beans, roof of the cannery building. He 27.3 6 gallons of corn; 15,432 galnotified the main office to check the lons of sauerkraut; 42,660 gallons of buildings, and the blaze, then well tomatoes; 3,066 gallons of tomato purce; 600 gallons catsup, and 1.038 The cannery buildings are located gallons of tomato juice.

The frame auxiliary building Now Army Chaplain

main building, of concrete blocks, was stripped of most of its wooden. window frames and other woodwork by flames which were blown in a roaring blast from the auxiliary section, Canning machinery damaged included a corn husker, bean snipper. pea cleaner and apple parer, in addition to a small amount of canned food stored in the buildings. Intense eat caused a number of cans of applesauce to explode. In the main added to the fire loss,

Officials said a small crew of prison help had been working daily in the cannery labeling and shipping canned fruit and vegetables grown



Lt. Neil Gray

Lie Gray, son of Mr. and James Gray, of Wilson street, Bellefonte, and who last year became rec-





with patients

the result of a self-inflicted .32-cal- which closes next Thursday. iber revolver wound in the forehead.

for that reason his condition has Carmen J. Torsell, 26, Suc- Olmstead Field Service Council President Sieg De- building smoke and water damage cumbs to Self-Inflicted Injury

VETERAN DIES OF ALL-STAR TEAM

Club to Appear in Bene-

fit Game, Monday

He is Carmen J. Torsell, 26, of the efforts of a committee composed tentatively approved.



Enforcement

BORO. TAX RATE

Pic. Harold C. Rossman, 30, Bellefonte; geriously wounded in Belgium on January 17. Pfc, Guy R. Lyons, 23, Bellefonte,



T-5 Charles R. Breon Killed in Action.

Catherine Martin Breon Jacobs, of slightly wounded in France on Jan- Steubenville, Ohio, His father is uary 17. Pfc, George A. Hall, 20, of Snow

Shoe, injured in Belgium, January he contracted spinal meningitis and

Pfc, Harry E. Breon, State College, months seriously wounded in France on Jan- Before entering the service ine was uary 19. employed by the Warner Company

2nd Lt. James A. Graham

and also worked for Kelly's Ice Co., Three Bellefonte men who shared and Goldman's Market. their entire army life together, met "Jim," as he was known by most death together on a battlefield in people in Bellefonte, lived with his Rockview. Belgium on December 17, it was re-4 (Continued on page Four)



home.

A torn pair of pants was the only injury sustained by Second Lieuten-ant James A. Graham, 26, whose wife lives in Bellefonte, navigator on the B-17 Flying Fortress "Lady Be when he was forced to bail Good." out of his crippled plane over American front lines,

GM Harvey N. Benn, Jr.

Killed in Action.

know that Bloom and Breon were

together most of the time and it is

believed that Flack also was in the

Pvt. Bloom attended the Spring

township schools and for several

years was employed on the Thomas

B. Beaver farm in Bellefonte, Later

he accepted a position in the laun-

He was born at Pleasant View, a

Cpl. Breon was a son of Mrs.

"Lady Be Good," flying with the Third Air Division's 452nd Bomb Group on an Eighth Alf Force bombing assault against vital marshalling yards at Hanau, Germany, was hit by flak immediately after "bombs away." One engine was "knocked out" and caught fire, but as the bomber began to lose altitude, the wind smothered the flames.

shot in his room and found him of former college and professional turning to the Summers home, Wil- unconscious. He was taken to the basketball players now in the armed the time has come for Council to liam Summers is said to have point- hospital in the Widdowson ambu- forces at Oimstead Field, Middleed a 22 rifle at his brother, with lance. Centre County Coroner town, Pa. This team is the best ser-(Continued on page Four)

inflicted wound.

TWO SENTENCED The Bellefonte soldier enlisted in State College, Lock Haven and Wilthe Air Forces on December 10, 1940. liamsport. a year before Pearl Harbor, and trained at several camps, including Key Field, Meridan, Miss., before being sent overseas in 1942.

After being wounded in North Africa he was hospitalized and on June 1, 1943, was returned to the

Only Four Cases Listed United States, entering Halloran General Hospital, Staten Island. for Action by Grand Later he was sent to Walter Reed Jury, Monday Hospital, Washington, D. C., and also underwent treatment at the

Entering pleas of guilty to charges Veterans' Hospital in Coatesville be- p. m., will be preceded by another and was employed there at the time he entered the service. He was home of larceny, Clarence W. Zerby, of Spring Mills, and Perry Ray Decker, vice. During the latter part of last year wil be 50 cents for adults and 25 last Memorial Day for a 10-day fur-louch

cents for children. All proceeds will (Continued on page Two) (Continued on page Six)

ing were sentenced to pay the costs Former Local Man

He was born at Pleasant View, a son of William and Viola Hassinger Bloom, who survive with four bro-thers of the deceased, Pfc. William The men were charged with steal-The men were charged with stealand Cpl. Mahlon Bloom, both in France, and Herbert and Dale, at ing two tires and tubes from a trac-Robert Grove 22, radio operator tor after it had been sold at public in the Navy, and son of Mr. and

sale and before the purchaser re- Mrs. Thomas Grove, of Altoona, died ored on her eightief birthday anmoved the machine from the prem- last week at a base hospital in Cali-

Orphie Dobbles sale near Spring believed here to have been tuber-

 dead.
 While in training at Ft. Sill, Okla...
 Mills on December 15.
 Culosis.

 While in training at Ft. Sill, Okla...
 The District Attorney yesterday announced that only four cases are listed for presentation to the Grand
 Seaman Grove was quite well known in Bellefonte, having spent three or four summers before enter-John O. Kline, Milton: Mrs. Minnie

Martin L. Cordery, escaping from at sea with the Sea-Bees.

Merrill L. Meyer, Spring Mills, R. South Pacific for about two years Mrs. Herbert Brown, Mrs. Mary, Mrs. Mary D. violation vehicle code, Harry Fink, Clearfield, F. & B. In addition, one surety of the while he was home on furlough. peace case is to be heard at the us- Surviving are his parents, his wife, ual session of summary and domes- and three sisters, all residing in Al- ful and useful gifts. Mrs. Kline is tic relations court next Thursday, toona. The case is that in which Isaac But-The body is being brought to Al-

ler, of Philipsburg, is the defendant. toona for burial.

Miss Soissons Speaks Believe Local Man In Prison Transfer at CDA Meeting Here

Twelve hundred American prison- Members of Court Patrick Mcers of war, probably including at Ardle, C. D. of A. of Bellefonte, met least one Centre county man, were Monday night in the K. of C. rooms

removed to Germany from a camp near Posen, Poland, ahead of lib-erating Russian armies, Senator Tom Connally (D. Tex.) was advised in Washington cerely this rest. The Brooks-Doll Post American Legion Scout Troop of Belleforte to contribute \$5 to the Infantile Washington cerely this rest. Paralysis Fund. A report was given This action was taken at a meeting Washington early this week. The Senator said his information that a check had been received from of the Post, Monday night, when it came from the United States Em- the Curtis Publishing Company was announced that sufficient membassy in Switzerland, Eurough the representing commissions on sales of bers are enrolled to obtain a char-

State Department, From a camp magazine subscriptions during the ter, dentified as Oflag 64, at Schubin, month of January.

Wind smothered toe names.
Wind sm

quit talking about better police pro-Charles Sheckler of Milesburg, said vice team in the country. The op- it, He cited a case of flagrant motor posing team will be made up of outstanding players from Bellefonte.

Secretary Watson, one of the best endangering school children, he said, violations in town.

The feature game, beginning at

tection and to do something about ious Sites May Again violations on the part of a man who Monday noon drove at shigh speed through town several times. In addition to breaking speed laws and

Bellefonte, will be one of the local were in sight during the violations, baugh, three new Veterans Adminteam. he added, declaring proper police ac- istration hospitals are provided for while Pfc. Henry Casper, of Belle- tivity would do away with traffic Pennsylvania and one for Delaware

An exchange of words resulted be- tained in the three billion dollar ber 29, 1943. tween Mayor Hardman P. Harris and Independent Offices Appropriation

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Plans Classes Here

Is War Casualty Bellefonte Woman Is Eighty Years Old

team.

members of the "pick-up"

fonte, home on furlough from a per-

iod of duty in Italy, and former

BHS basketball star, will be the

other local member of the opposing

Mrs. Catherine E. Kline was honises. The theft occurred at the Mrs. fornia as the result of an illness at a buffet luncheon given by her son-in-law and daughter. Mr. and

Jury when that body meets here on Monday. The four cases are: The Mr. and Mrs. J. Sebastian, Mr. and the trucking business. His father is Mrs. F. Oberfield, Mrs. Edith Peters, Mrs. Margaret Thompson, Mrs. Mar-

before becoming ill, His last visit in Coates, Miss E. Little, Miss Leila Bellefonte was about two years ago Robb, and Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Ad-

ful and useful gifts. Mrs. Kline is a daughter of the late Samuel Ole-wine and has been a resident of wine and has been a resident of February 19, according to the an-

the past twenty-five years she has made her home in Philadelphia

Harvey Scott, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, sponsor of the course in Bellefonte. Lift Restrictions on War restrictions have caused a backlog of two million homes await-Scout Membership

series of

Woman Receives

B. KENNETH JOHNSTONE

"Building or Buying a Home,"



Be Considered

lidaysburg. on January 18 enlisted in the U.S. Army as a chaplain and has received a commission as a first Congressman Says Prev- Heutenant. Lt. and Mrs. Gray came to Bellefonte early this week for a brief visit with the former's parents before going to Ft. Devens, Mass. where he will be stationed for the time being.

According to a statement issued basketball payers ever to come from the car had no muffler. No police by Representative D. Emmert Brum-Davis, former rector of the Belle-Lt. Gray and Rev. Francis P. fonte church, were ordained to the priesthood at impressive ceremonies held in the church here on Septem in the \$84,500,600 appropriation con-

The army chaplain was graduated Borough Health Officer W. W. Bick- bill favorably reported to Congress from the Bellefonte High School in February 5 by the House Appropria- the class of 1936, attended Bard College of Columbia University for tions Committee.

As Congressman Brumbaugh ex- two years, and was graduated from plained, this appropriation launch- General Theological Seminary in es the initial program of providing New York City on February 10, 1943. In March of that year he went to additional hospital and domiciliary facilities under the recently enacted Altoona as curate of St. Luke's "G. L" Law. The hospital program church and also served as vicar of provides for the location of a gen- the Holy Trinity church at Hollieral medical and surgical hospital daysburg. After his ordination as in Eastern Pennsylvania consisting priest he was appointed rector of of 1200 beds; while an 1800 bed hos- the Hollidaysburg church

pital for the treatment of neuropsychiatric patients will be erected **Receives Souvenirs** in Western Pennsylvania with an additional 1200 bed hospital in that (Continued on page Two)

Logans To Observe

75th Anniversary

From German Front

Mrs. William Cox, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nevin Smith, of East High street, recently received from her husband, Captain Cox, who is with a field artillery unit in Germany,

The Logan Fire Company will several souvenirs from that battlecelebrate its 75th birthday on Thurs- front.

day, February 22, with a panquet to One of them is an iron cross. Gerbe held that evening at Brooks-Doll nan military decoration; another Post American Legion Home, East is a swastika tie pin, and another Howard street. The ladies of the is a cheaply made Nazi pin. Also Legion Auxiliary will serve the din- among the souvenirs is a religious medal, apparently made in Belgium

Any Logan members who have for the tourist trade, and a German not received invitations to the din- postage stamp bearing the likeness six informal classes for ner are requested to dial 3100 im- of Adolf Hitler.

prospective home-owners, will be mediately so that reservations can Mrs. Cox is the former Pauline

nouncement today by Mrs. Mary Home From Scenes of War, Appeals for Nurses

ing to be built in the United States. The recent return of Lieutenant, North Africa and Corsica, 'oday adsaid B. Kenneth Johnstone, head of Beulan Person to her home in Tren- ded her plea to registered nurses to

in the Army nurse camps of North The army, she said, needs nurses Africa and Sicily, will no doubt at once, not only to take care of the prove news to her friends in Belle-sick and wounded in military hosfonte and Centre Hall, Lieutenant pitals in this country but also as re-Person, a niece of Albert E. and Lola placements for the nurses who have Head Injury in Fall Strohm Person, spent many of her borne the long months of constant vacations in Centre Hall with the service since the war began. The

Mrs. Anna Johnson, of Valentine late Mrs. Margaret Strohm, and in Red Cross is doing a good job in the Any boy who is 12 years or older street, underwent treatment at the Bellefonte with the family of Mr. recruitment campaign, she said.

drunken driving.