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WAR 'VICTIM' IS REPORTED LIVING

Narehood Seriously Wounded, Not Dead

War Department Message Received on Day Set For 'Funeral'

CASE HAD PARALLEL IN LAST WORLD WAR

Family of Pine Glen Man Hears Heartening Word From Islands

Late on the evening of the day that memorial funeral services were scheduled to be held for Charles W. Narehood, 27, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Narehood, of Pine Glen, relatives of the youth who had been reported killed in action at Hickam Field, Hawaii, December 7, received notification from the U. S. War Department that Narehood was not killed, but seriously wounded.

Word that the soldier was not dead was received about 9:30 o'clock Sunday night by members of the Harry A. Beates home at Pine Glen, owners of the only telephone in the immediate vicinity.

Mrs. Beates reported that the message to the Narehood family came from Pittsburgh and that it merely set forth that Narehood had been seriously wounded in action at the Hickam Field. It said nothing in regard to the report from the War Department last Wednesday to the effect that Narehood had been lost in action.

While no members of the family could be reached yesterday, it is believed that the supposed error resulted in the preparation of early casualty lists at Hickam Field, and that a later check showed Narehood had not been killed.

Members of the Narehood family had made complete arrangements

Law Unbends to Aid National Defense

A worker in a national defense industry got a break from the Law in Centre county last Thursday. Leo Moerschbacher, Worth Township Justice of the Peace and past state commander of the V. F. W. some weeks ago issued a summons to a Lewistown youth for driving an overloaded truck. When the usual ten days passed and the youth failed to respond to the summons, a warrant was issued for his arrest.

Last Thursday he was brought by Pvt. Murofko, of the Phillipsburg State Motor Police, before Squire Moerschbacher. It was found that he is working in the National Tube Company plant at McKeesport, on armaments, having become a welder through experience gained at an NYA center.

The Squire called the officer to one side. There was a short conference, and in a matter of minutes the youth was being whisked to the county jail at Bellefonte. There the officer conferred briefly with Sheriff Edward R. Miller. Papers were signed and in a half hour the defendant, who according to the records at the jail had served one day in that institution, was on his way back to McKeesport to resume the manufacture of armaments.

Carol Sing to Be Held Here

Community Program Will Be Presented at Diamond Tuesday Night

Tuesday night, December 23, from 8 p. m. to 9 p. m. there will be a Community Sing of Christmas carols on the Diamond by the girls and boys' glee clubs of the Bellefonte High School and the choirs of all the churches, under the direction of Lenore Morgan Martin of the Bellefonte High School faculty.

The song sheets have been made up by the Commercial Department under the direction of Mrs. Daisy Henderson and will be distributed by members of the student senate. In conjunction with the carol singing there will be a brass sextette under the direction of Bruce I. Garner, director of the High School band. The members of the sextette are as follows: Charles Guyer, Robert Baradis, Philip Smith, Guy Corran, Dean Breen, and Raymond Brooks. The boys have put in hours of work to prepare a splendid program and the Chamber of Commerce urges the people of Bellefonte and Centre county to come and sing.

Mavor Hardman P. Harris has issued a cordial invitation to those residing out of the borough to join in the program. The police department under the direction of Chief Harry Dukeman will detour traffic during the program.

Claim Robbers Get \$63.67 at Restaurant

Bellefonte police are investigating a report by the owner of the New York Restaurant, West High street, that the establishment was broken into and robbed of \$63.67 sometime last Wednesday night.

The theft was discovered when the restaurant was opened Thursday morning, it was said. The thieves are thought to have entered the building through a rear door.

Wounded Deer Runs Thru Howard Streets

A spike buck with part of its lower jaw shot away ran through the streets of Howard, Friday afternoon, causing considerable excitement.

The wounded deer narrowly missed running into a car driven by Willard Neff, of Howard, and caused a woman in a trailer to faint when it ran into that vehicle. Game wardens who set out in search of the animal were unsuccessful.

Titan Metal Gets \$273,442 War Order

Army contract awards announced by the war department last week included the Titan Metal Manufacturing Co., Bellefonte, for time train rings for fuse, at a cost of \$273,441.90.

For Wife and Mother, Bed Jackets, Hose, Slips, Lovely Aprons, Hand Embroidered Linens, Tea Towels, and the most beautiful Hankies you ever saw. Peacock Kiddie Shop, Bellefonte, Penna.

Reported Living



Charles W. Narehood (above) of Pine Glen, last week reported killed in action at Hickam Field, Hawaii, is now reported by the War Department as seriously wounded.

Foreign Mail Service Is Further Curtailed

George R. Meek, Bellefonte postmaster, this week announced that all mail service to and from Germany, Italy, and Japan, and their possessions, and the countries dominated by them, has been suspended until further notice.

Fire Destroys Millbrook Home

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Boob Lose All Possessions in Blaze; Cause Unknown

The one-story frame house of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Boob, along the Bellefonte-State College highway about a mile east of Millbrook, was burned to the ground about 8 o'clock last Wednesday night, entailing the loss of the aged couple's furniture and most of their clothing.

Mr. and Mrs. Boob, who were at the home of their son-in-law, Harry Stover, when the fire was discovered, were unable to save any of their possessions.

Alpha firemen, summoned to the scene, found the entire building a mass of flames. Water from a booster tank and from a well at the Stover home, was used in bringing the flames in the ruins under control. High winds fanned sparks over a wide area, but carried them away from nearby buildings.

Reports are that a dog and two cats in the house when the fire started lost their lives in the blaze. The origin of the fire has not been determined.

Mr. and Mrs. Boob, both in their 70's, are hard hit by their misfortune and neighbors report that contributions of clothing or furniture will be appreciated.

Death of Hunter Termed Accident

The death of Allen Kephart, 23, Osceola Mills, Centre county's second deer hunting victim, was termed accidental at a coroner's inquest conducted by C. Groner, Charles Shecker, of Milesburg, last Thursday night. The inquest was held at the Weber funeral home in Phillipsburg.

The jury brought in a verdict which stated that the youth, who was shot the opening day of season, was hit with a stray bullet. He died last Monday, one week after he was shot, in the State Hospital at Phillipsburg.

Damage Suit Filed By Port Matilda Man

Paul Moore, of Port Matilda, R. D. 1, has brought suit against Samuel Carney, of Warriors Mark, for \$126.36 damages which Moore claims resulted to his car November 19, 1941, when it was struck from the rear by a car driven by Carney. The accident happened about 4:30 a. m. near Reese Hollow, on Route 220 between Tyrone and Port Matilda, the statement of claim alleges.

Whitmans candy, Everitts Drug Store, Bellefonte, Pa.

E. K. Stock Acquitted of Charges After Brief Public Hearing

By a unanimous vote of the Bellefonte School Board, Earl K. Stock, supervising principal of schools, at a public hearing in the court room Monday night, was acquitted of charges preferred against him by former School Director Franklin B. Schad.

Announcement of the verdict about 10:50 p. m. by Horace J. Hartranft, president of the board, was greeted with a storm of applause and cheers from the several hundred spectators who heard the testimony presented during the three-and-a-half hour hearing.

Mr. Schad, whose attorney was former Senator Edward J. Thompson, of Phillipsburg, called four witnesses in his effort to prove that Mr. Stock was guilty of "incompetence, persistent negligence and persistent and willful violation of the school laws."

Mr. Stock's attorney was John G. Love, of Bellefonte, who called seven witnesses, including Mr. Stock, in denying the charges.

Before announcing the verdict, which was reached by the board after only 27 minutes of deliberation, Board President Hartranft, addressing the 300 or more spectators in the room, urged persons having complaints against teachers, supervisors, principals or any other persons in the employ of the school district, to lodge such complaints with the school board.

"We won't have another hearing like this," Mr. Hartranft said. "If you have a complaint, bring it to the board and we'll investigate the matter promptly and thoroughly. If action is needed, we'll take whatever steps are necessary!" he declared.

The full board was present at the hearing and participated in the final verdict, members being: Mr. Hartranft, R. C. Blaney, Dr. E. H. Adams, Mrs. J. Millard Hartwick, J. Brasch DeHaas, William H. Brouse and William B. Troupe.

Witnesses summoned to the stand were sworn in by board vice president R. C. Blaney, while a stenographic record of the proceedings was taken by Miss Mary Hartle, secretary to Judge Ivan Walker.

In presenting his complaints, Mr. Schad called as the first witness George Carpeneto, who at the time of the high school fire February 13, 1939, was assistant fire marshal of Bellefonte.

Carpeneto said that when he questioned Mr. Stock about the fire he asked the school official how often fire drills were supposed to be held, under State laws, Stock, he said, declared that drills are to be held once a month, but that they hadn't been held once a month at the high school.

When he asked Stock about fire drills at the Academy building,

Memory Honored



SGT. WILLIAM O. BRANDT

Memorial funeral services for Staff Sgt. William O. Brandt, 24, Centre County's first Japanese war victim, were conducted Sunday afternoon at Coburn. The Rev. O. E. Freeman, pastor, conducted the rites in the Trinity Lutheran church of which Sgt. Brandt was a member.

The little church was crowded to capacity as the bereaved group consisting of color bearers, members of the Millheim Post American Legion, and members of the family and close friends of the deceased walked to reserved sections in the front of the church.

During the services music was provided by the Ushers Chorus of St. John's Lutheran church of Millheim under the direction of Albert Stover, and the choir of Trinity Lutheran church.

The Rev. Mr. Freeman conducted the usual church funeral service.

The soldier, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Brandt, of Coburn was one of those killed in action at Hickam Field, Hawaii, during the surprise attack on the Islands by Japanese air and naval forces December 7, 1941.

According to reports, no attempt will be made to return Sgt. Brandt's body home until after the war.

Bellefonte Man Granted Patent

Jacob W. Shook Credited With Improvement on Manufacture of Pistons

Announcement was made by the United States Patent Office in Washington, D. C. last week that a Bellefonte man had been granted a patent.

He is Jacob W. Shook, of the Cadillac apartments, who is shop superintendent at the Titan Metal Manufacturing Company plant in Bellefonte.

Shook, inventor of a composition piston and method of manufacturing the same, was given credit for two original ideas in connection with his invention, which has been under

Mrs. L. E. Kline Is Seriously Injured

Mrs. Lewis E. Kline, of Hellam, wife of the Rev. L. E. Kline, formerly pastor of the Evangelical church in Hellam, this county, was seriously injured in an automobile accident on Saturday.

Yesterday she was reported to be in a very serious condition in the York hospital.

Mrs. Kline was making a purchase from a huckster when the automobile of Mrs. Stefana Sereda, of Philadelphia, skidded on the icy highway and struck her.

She suffered fractures of the ribs and left arm, internal injuries, and the loss of a middle finger of her left hand. Mrs. Kline underwent a major operation upon admission to the hospital and received a blood transfusion shortly afterwards.

Until about a year ago when they moved to Hellam, York county, Mr. and Mrs. Kline were well known, and well liked residents of Howard, where they resided for a number of years while the Rev. Mr. Kline was pastor in that community.

Commerce Chamber to Meet. A regular meeting of the Directors of the Bellefonte Chamber of Commerce will be held on Friday night, December 19, at 8:15 o'clock, in the Chamber of Commerce office in the Y. M. C. A. building.

NOTICE TO PATRONS. Because Christmas comes on Thursday, the next issue of The Centre Democrat will go to press Tuesday noon to assure delivery of the issue before the holiday.

In order to take advantage of this edition it will be necessary for all advertisers and correspondents to have their copy in this office not later than Monday.

May we count on your cooperation in making this early Christmas edition a possibility?

New Dial System Now in Operation

Drug Stores To Be First Aid Centers

Lester F. Widmann, president of Widmann & Teah, Inc. has announced that the Widmann & Teah drug stores will act as emergency centers for first aid for those who may be injured in the event of war. This policy will be carried out in all the stores of the Widmann & Teah chain.

Drug stores, the logical places for such service, will be designated emergency stations upon proof that they have properly qualified, according to the executive committee of the National Association of Retail Druggists.

In setting up this large network of first aid stations, the National Association will work through state and local pharmaceutical associations, and it is anticipated that the program can be put in operation throughout the country within a month.

Red Cross War Quota \$7,500

Nationwide Drive For \$50,000,000 War Relief Fund to Begin

President Roosevelt has issued a proclamation launching an appeal by the American Red Cross for a minimum \$50,000,000 American war-relief fund. The quota assigned to the Bellefonte Chapter is \$7,500.

The area covered by the Bellefonte Chapter includes Bellefonte, Zion, Saydettown, Hubbersburg, Mingo, Howard, Blanchard, Mousmont, Orion, Pleasant Gap, Assmann, Milesburg, Centre City, Snow Shoe, Clarence, Julian, Unionville, the Rockview district, and the rural populations surrounding. A meeting of all Red Cross workers, solicitors, those willing to volunteer for this work, and all interested citizens in the section of Centre county will be held in the Court House on Friday night, December 19, at 8 o'clock.

Organize Raid Warning Service

Wardens Named For Each of Eight Sectors in Centre County

At a meeting held at the American Legion Home in Bellefonte last Thursday night, an Air Raid Warning Service for Centre county was organized.

Charles E. Freeman, of Phillipsburg, chairman of the Centre county Civilian Defense Council, told the group of volunteers they must be prepared to make many sacrifices to accomplish the work called for in the program. The meeting was in charge of Aaron D. Leitzell, Bellefonte, chairman of the local Civilian Defense Council.

This county has been divided into eight sectors, with a number of posts

Register Issues Birth Certificates

Since the new law for recording and correcting birth records went into effect Centre County Register Harry A. Gorman has issued about 200 certificates.

In addition, hundreds of other persons have obtained their birth records from the Register's office and nearly 1000 blanks have been issued but have not been returned at this time.

Records of persons born prior to 1906 are kept in the Register's office and the official has all the necessary forms for applying for duplicate copies or for seeking to correct records on which errors appear.

Attendants are on duty at the office during business hours each weekday to attend to birth certificate requests.

Theatres to Give Kiddies a Treat

The annual Christmas treat from the management of the Bellefonte theatres will be given to the grade school kiddies of Bellefonte and vicinity at 2 o'clock next Wednesday afternoon, December 24, when they will be entertained at a free movie at the State theatre.

The feature picture will be "The Barnyard Follies" plus several Christmas shorts. All grade school youngsters in Bellefonte and surrounding towns are invited to attend. Manager Fred Fisher said yesterday.

Is Last Change-Over in Nation Until After War

CHIEF OPERATOR RECEIVES HONOR Many Bell Officials Present For Informal Program

The Bellefonte exchange area now has dial telephone service. The transfer was made Saturday evening at 10 o'clock.

The first telephone call, using the new facilities, was made by Mayor H. P. Harris, of Bellefonte, who called Bellefonte's Postmaster, George R. Meek.

The prominent citizens exchanged greetings and spoke briefly to each other regarding their reactions to the dial system.

The cut-over, the last one to take place in the nation until after the war is over, required about six minutes' time, and when the new system was in operation hundreds of the 2200 subscribers in the area began "tests" of the new equipment.

The thirteen operators on the board on December 13—the date of the change-over—celebrated the event by presenting the chief operator Miss Rose Haupt, with a large basket of roses.

Among those who witnessed the change from the old to the new systems were a number of operators who weren't on duty at the time, and the following officials of the Bell Telephone Company: William Gillan, Harrisburg, vice-president of the central district; George Earle, Harrisburg, general traffic manager; W. T. Wooders, of Harrisburg, plant manager; Frank Ferguson, Harrisburg, division superintendent; Lewis Hostfield, Altoona.

Mill Employees to Be Paid Overtime

Bellefonte Firm Makes Adjustment in Wages Amounting to \$4764

Twelve employees of the flour and feed mill operated by C. Y. Wagner and Company, Bellefonte, have received \$4,764.04 as overtime compensation due them under the Fair Labor Standards Act, it was announced yesterday by Frank J. G. Dershey, regional director of the Wage and Hour Division, U. S. Department of Labor, in Pennsylvania and Delaware.

Payment of the individual sums, which ranged from \$321.68 to \$1,009.65, was made on a voluntary basis by the company and without the necessity of the division resorting to court action, the regional director said.

"The minimum wage section of the act was not involved in this case, inasmuch as all employees received a

Pupils, Teachers Show Approval of Stock Verdict

Bellefonte High School students and teachers apparently approved the decision Monday night of the School Board in acquitting Supervising Principal Earl K. Stock of charges which had been brought against him by a former School Director.

At the end of the second period about 9:45 o'clock Tuesday morning, some 500 students quietly assembled outside the Supervising Principal's office on Academy Hill, and cheer leaders led them in a series of cheers for Stock until that official made his appearance.

Visibly moved by the students' action, Mr. Stock, speaking briefly, thanked them for their gesture of support and goodwill and declared he hoped he "deserved" at least some of the tribute they had given him.

Teachers expressed their views early Tuesday morning by sending a giant basket of chrysanthemums to the Supervising Principal's office.

Recruiting Office To Be Opened Here

A permanent Army and Navy recruiting office will be opened in the postoffice building, Bellefonte, on Monday, December 22; it was announced yesterday.

No further details regarding the office were available here.

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