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WAR 'VICTIM' IS REPORTED LIVING

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**Narehood Seriously** Wounded, Not Dead

War Department Message Law Unbends to Aid **Received on Day Set** For 'Funeral'

CASE HAD PARALLEL in Centre county last Thursday. IN LAST WORLD WAR Leo Moerschbacher, Worth Town-

Hears Heartening Word From Islands

Late on the evening of the day that memorial funeral services were Pvt. Murofko, of the Philipsburg Lawrence Narehood, of Pine Glenn, is working in the National Tube 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 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

**New Law Puts** 

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# National Defense

A worker in a national defense industry got a break from The Law ship Justice of the Peace and past

state commander of the V.F.W. Family of Pine Glen Man 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 summens, a warrant was issued for his arrest.

Last Thursday he was brought by Narehood, 27, son of Mr. and Mrs. Moerschbacher. It was found that he State Motor Police, before 'Squire 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 Sher-iff 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



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

By a unanimous vote of the Belle- "We won't have another hearing onte School Board, Earl K. Stock, like this," Mr. Hartranft said, "H upervising principal of schools, at you have a complaint, bring it to a public hearing in the court room the board and we'll investigate the Monday night, was acquitted of matter promptly and thoroughly. If charges preferred against him by action is needed, we'll take whatformer School Director Franklin B. ever steps are necessary!" he de-Schad. clared.

Announcement of the verdict about The full board was present at the 10:50 p. m. by Horace J. Hartranit, hearing and participated in the final president of the board, was greeted verdict, members being: Mr. Hart-with a storm of applause and cheels ranit, R. C. Blaney, Dr. E. H. Adams, from the several hundred spectators Mrs. J. Millard Hartswick, J. Brswho heard the testimony presented sant DeHaas, William H. Brouse during the three-and-a-half hour and William B. Troupe

hearing Mr. Schad, whose attorney was were sworn in by board vice presiformer Senator Edward J. Thomp- dent R. C. Blaney, while a steno-son, of Philipsburg, called four wit- graphic record of the proceedings nesses in his effort to prove that was taken by Miss Mary Hartle, sec-Mr. Stock was guilty of "incom- relary to Judge Ivan Walker. petence, persistent negligence and In presenting his complaints, Mr

persistent and willful violation of Schad called as the first witness George Carpeneto, who at the time 'he school laws.' Mr. Stock's attorney was John G. of the high school fire February 13,

Love, of Bellefonte, who called sev- 1939, was assistant fire marshal of en witnesses, including Mr. Stock, Bellefonte. in denying the charges.

Before announcing the verdict, tioned Mr. Stock about the fire he Staff Sgt. William O. Brandt, 24. which was reached by the board asked the school official how often after only 27 minutes of delibera- fire drills were supposed to be held. tion, Board President Hartranft, ad- under State laws. Stock, he said, dedressing the 300 or more spectators clared that dirils are to be held once in the room, urged persons having a month, but that they hadn't been in the Trinity Lutheran church of complaints against teachers, super- held once a month at the high visors, principals or any other per- school.

ons in the employ of the school When he asked Stock about fire district, to lodge such complaints drills at the Academy building, with the school board. (Continued on Page Siz)



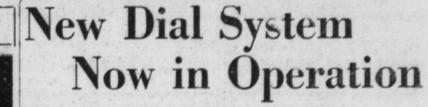
Centre County's first Japanese war victim, were conducted Sunday afternoon at Coburn. The Rev. O. E. Feeman, pastor, conducted the rites which Sgt. Brandt was a member.

The little church was crowded to capacity as the processional 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

**Undines to Get Blood Bank Is** During the services music was provided by the Ushers Chorus of St. Nationwide Drive For John's Lutheran church of Millheim **Lighting Plant To Open Here** under the direction of Albert Stover. and the choir of Trinity Lutheran church.

Council Delays Installing Rotary Club to Sponsor Move: Bank Needed in War or Peace At a meeting of the Bellefonte air and naval forces December 7. Authority for the purchase of a portable electric lighting system for the Undine Pire Company was given the Fire and Police committee, at

a regular meeting of Bellefonte Bor- Centre County Hospital, A committee was appointed to devise mcans **Bellefonte Man** 



#### Is Last Change-Over in **Drug Stores To Be First Aid Centers**

Lester F. Widmann, president of Widmann & Teah, Inc., has an-CHIEF OPERATOR nounced that the Widmann & Teah trug 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 Many Bell Officials Presthe 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, accord- has dial telephone service. The ing to the executive committee of transfer was made Saturday eventhe National Association of Retail

Quota \$7,500

Fund to Begin

President Roosevetl has issued a

Druggists.

Memory Honored

In setting up this large network of first aid stations, the National for 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** ront of the church.

The Rev. Mr. Feeman conducted the usual church funeral service. roclamation launching an appeal The soldier, son of Mr. and Mrs. by the American Red Cross for a Ralph Brandt, of Coburn was one minimum \$50,000,000 American warof those killed in action at Hickam relief fund. The guota assigned to Field, Hawaii, during the surprise the Bellefonte Chapter is \$7,500. attack on the Islands by Japanese The area covered by the Bellefonte Chapter includes Belletonte, Zion, Snydertown, Hublersburg, Mingo-ville, Howard, Blanchard, Monu-According to reports, no attempt will be made to return Sgt. Brandt's body home until after the war. ment, Orviston, Pleasant Gap, Axemann, Milesburg, Centra' City, Snow

#### Shoe, Clarence, Julian, Unionville, the Rockview district, and the rural

**RECEIVES HONOR** ent For Informal

Nation Until After

War

Program

The Bellefonte exchange area now ing 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 bask-\$50,000,000 War Relief et 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, vicepresident of the central district; George Earle, Harrisburg, general traffic manager. W. T. Wooters, of Harrisburg, plant manager; Frank Perguson, Harrisburg, division superintendent; Lewis Hosfield, Altoona, (Continued on Page Seven)

Mill Employees to

**Be Paid Overtime** 

Bellefonte Firm Makes Ad-

justment in Wages Amount-

ing to \$4764

Twelve employes of the flour and

feed mill operated by C. Y. Wagner

and Company, Bellefonte, have re-

ceived \$4,764.04 as overtime com-

pensation due them under the Fair

Labor Standards Act, it was an-

nounced yesterday by Frank J. G.

Dorsey, regional director of the

Wage and Hour Division, U. S. De-

partment of Labor, in Pennsylvania

Payment of the individual sums,

which ranged from \$321.68 to

the necessity of the division resort-

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Show Approval of

Bellefonte High School students

Teachers expressed their views

To Be Opened Here

A permanent Army and Navy re-

No further details regarding the

-Give electrical gifts. Visit our

ounced yesterday.

rounding towns are invited to at- gift department for latest gift sug-

tend, Manager Fred Fisher said yes- gestions at the Electric Supply Co.,

Bellefonte, Pa.

early Tuesday morning by sending a

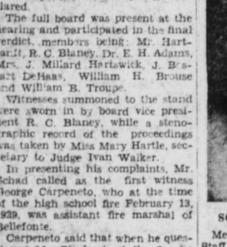
giant basket of chrysenthemums to

the Supervising Principal's offices.

**Stock Verdict** 

**Pupils**, Teachers

and Delaware.



**Curb on Credit** Bankers, Dealers Hear Talk on Federal Plan to Ease Slump After War

A comprehensive review of the new regulations imposed on dealers sell- up by the Commercial Department ing automobiles, refrigerators, elec- under the direction of Mrs. Daisy trical appliances and certain other Henderson and will be distributed items on time payment plans and by members of the student senate. on financial houses extending such credit, was given by Jame<sub>3</sub> Vergari, of the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia, at the annual dinner meeting of the Centre County Bankers' Association at the Penn Belle Hotel, Tuesday night.

Approximately 75 members of the association, and automobile and electrical appliance dealers attended the meeting. Mr. Vergari was intro-(Continued on Page Three)

900 Expected At **Titan Yule Party** 

Plans have been completed for the annual Christmas party to be held by Titan Metal Company employes for their children. The party will be during the program. held Monday, December 22, in the Spring street school gymnasium, beginning at 7 p. m., it is reported by **Claim Robbers Get** Henry W. Houser, chairman of the

committee in charge. Entertainment will include talking movies, and the Meyer Brothers, of Stormstown will furnish music tag the party. A treat consisting of York Restaurant, West High street candy, popcorn, and fruit will be that the establishment was broken distributed among the 900 little into and robbed of \$63.67 sometime suests who are expected to attend.

Other members of the Christmas party committee in addition to Mr. Houser are: Elmer Garbrick, Elmer Hauer. Clarence Thompson, Philip are claimed to have entered the Ray, George Newman, Nevin Smith. building through a rear door. Charles Garbrick and Roy Adams.

**Railroad Workers** Get Wage Increase

The Board of Directors of the Bellefonte Central Railroad Company at a meeting last Thursday, approved a 10 per cent increase in wages to employes, effective January 1

The increase is said to be general among all employes, affecting about sixty persons.

HOWARD BOY IN COUNTY'S FIRST COASTING MISHAP

Victim of Centre county's first coasting accident of the year is Joseph Pletcher, 16, of Howard R. D., who received treatment at the Centre County Hospital, Morklay alfternoon for facerations or the lower lip and lacerations of the side.

He was discharged after undergoing treatment. The boy is a son of Joseph Pletcher, of Howard R.

-Electric clocks for Christmas, \$3.50 and up. DeHaas Electric Co., ever saw. Peacock Kiddie Shop, Rellefonte Bellefonte, Penna.

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 di-

ulty

rection of Lenore Morgan Martin of the Bellefonte High School fac-

The song sheets have been made In conjunctich with the carol, sing there will be a brass sextette

tette are as follows: Charles Guy- possessions. er Robert Baradis, Philip Smith,

Raymond Brooks. The boys have mass of flames. Water from a boostput in hours of work to prepare a er tank and from a well at splendid program and the Cham- Stover home, was used in bringing ber of Commerce urges the people the flames in the ruins under con

come and sing Mayor Hardman P. Harris has from nearby buildings.

in the program. The police depart- started lost their lives in the blaze, ment under the direction of Chief The origin of the fire has not been Harry Dukeman will detour traffic determined.

will be appreciated. \$63.67 at Restaurant

Bellefonte police are investigating a report by the owner of the New last Wednesday night.

The theft was discovered when the ond deer hunting victim, was term-

Wounded Deer Runs Thru Howard Streets

A spike buck with part of its lowcausing considerable excitement.

ed running into a car driven by Wil- opening day when John Bosak, Clarlard Neff, of Howard, and caused a ence miner, was shot in the woods ran into that vehicle. Game wardens woods. who set out in search of the animal

were unsuccessful **Titan Metal Gets** 

## \$273,442 War Order

Army contract awards announced 1, has brought suit against Samuel Carney, of Warriors Mark, for by the war department last week \$126.36 damages which Moore included the Titan Metal Manufac- claims resulted to his car Novemturing Co., Bellefonte, for time train ber 19, 1941, when it was struck from rings for fuse, at a cost of \$273,- the rear by a car driven by Carney.

441.90.

Store, Bellefonte, Pa.

All Possessions in Blaze: **Cause Unknown** 

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

Foreign Mail Service

wounded.

The one-story frame house of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Boob, along the Bellefonte-State College highway about a mile cast of Millbrook, was

**Reported Living** 

burned to the ground about 8 o'clock last Wednesday night, entailing the loss of the aged couples' furniture and most of their cloth-Mr. and Mrs. Boob. who were at

pany declared. under the direction of Bruce I. the home of their son-in-law, Harry Garner, director of the High School Stover, when the fire was discovered. band. The members of the sex- were unable to save any of their

Alpha firemen, summoned to the **Public Defense** Guy Corman. Dean Breon, and scene, found the entire building a

of Bellefonte and Centre county to trol. High winds fanned sparks over a wide area, but carried them away

issued a cordial invitation to those Reports are that a dog and two residing out of the borough to join cats in the house when the fire

Mr. and Mrs. Boob, both in their tune and neighbors report that con-tributions of clothing or furniture Leitzell, chairman of the district. Tuesday, December 23, at 13 East

**Death of Hunter** 

## **Termed Accident**

The death of Allen Kephart, 23. shown Osceola Mills, Centre county's sec-

restaurant was opened Thursday ed accidental at a coroner's inquest morning, it was said. The thieves conducted by Coroner Charles Sheckler, of Milesburg, last Thursday night. The inquest was held at the Weber funeral home in Philips-

> 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 er jaw shot away ran through the shot, in the State Hospital at Phil-streets of Howard, Friday afternoon, ipsburg.

The wounded deer narrowly miss- tre county this season was on the **Blackout at Port** 

woman in a trailer to faint when it near his home. He died in the

**Damage Suit Filed** in the history of Centre county---By Port Matilda Man held at Port Matilda, Friday night,

was declared by officials to have been highly successful. Paul Moore, of Port Matilda R. D. Only lights from traffic passing through the borough and a glare from the kilns of the McFeely Brick plant were visible from 8 to 8:15 p. m., it was reported.

ets, Hose, Slips, Lovely Aprons, Hand tilda, the statement of claim al-

employes. Blackouts are to be held risburg.

ough Council, Monday night. According to Paul R. Emeric for rab The blood for this bank is to be John Gillen, of the Undines, who presented the request to Council. secured from voluntary donors the system, costing about \$490 will among the organizations of the combe operated by a 4-cycle gasoline en- munity.

In this war a readily available gine and will have a capacity of 1250 watts. This would be sufficient supply of plasma and blood has to operate two 500-watt floodlamps proved a life-saver for thousands of and a 250-watt spotlight, they said. civillans and soldiers injured by The plant is made largely of al- bombings and by other violent uminum for ease in handling, and means. According to the American can be operated anywhere indepen- Public Health Association the lives dently of the truck. It will be par- of over five-thousand British soldjers ticularly useful in many emergen- and civilians have been saved by transfusions of blood plasma,

cles, spokesmen for the fire com-

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Meters; Pass Snow Re-

moval Ordinance

It sometimes requires the infusion A somewhat similar portable light. of as much as six pints of plasma (Continued on Page Seven) **Invite Public To** 

**Formal Opening Meeting Tonight** Registration For Defense Ac- Local Offices of Credit and

Loan Associations to Hold tivities to be Accepted at

### **Court House**

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Matilda Is Success

#### 'Open House' "Open House" to celebrate the for-A public meeting, sponsored by the Council of Civilian Defense mal opening of the new Bellefonte for Bellefonte and vicinity, will be held offices of the Hollidaysburg Production Credit Association and the Cenat the Court House this Thursday 70's, are hard bit by their mistor- night, beginning at 8 o'clock, it was the County National Farm Loan As-

High street, Bellefonte, according to Purpose of the meeting is to register men and women for defense ac- an announcement made by Harry A. Corman and Ward Krape, directors tivities and to inform the public as to the help that is needed to carry of the Production Credit and National Farm Loan Association. out the defense program. Four reels Mr. Corman and Mr. Krape also of sound moving pictures taken durannounced that a formal opening of Philadelphia, skidded on the icy ing air raids in England, will be the new home offices in Hollidays-

burg at 219 Allegheny street, would Decision to hold the public meettake place on Friday, December 19. ing was made last week at a session (Continued on Page Siz) of the Civilian Defense Council in

the Logan House. At the session Roy Adams, of Pleasant Gap, in charge Local USO Drive of first aid for this district, report ed that there are 39 first aid squads Nets Total of \$768 in the area and said that the squads

are working on a competitive basis and expect to hold a field day with-Edward Miller, commander Brooks-Doll Post American Legion, well liked residents of Howard, where

in the next few months, Bellefonte, yesterday reported that they resided for a number of years Mr. Adams said his committee has the post's drive for USO funds in while the Rev. Mr. Kline was pastor made a survey of small trucks suit- Bellefonte and vicinity netted a to- in that community. able for hauling one or two cots. He tal of \$768.28, which has been for-The first hunting fatality in Cen- made a request that persons register | warded to the national headquarters

of the organization. The drive was launched early in

A regular meeting of the Direc-tors of the Bellefonte Chamber of the year with the Rev. Robert H. Commerce will be held on Friday Thomas, 3rd, former pastor of St. night, December 19, at 8:15 o'clock, John's Episcopal church as chairman. Louis S. Schad, of the First National Bank, was treasurer of the fice in the Y. M. C. A. building.

A blackout-the first of its kind local fund.

**Installing Air Raid** 

Alarm at County Jail

Bell Telephone Company employe: yesterday were engaged in installing an air-raid warning alarm system at

The accident happened about 4:30 —For Wife and Mother, Bed Jack-—For Wife and Mother, Bed Jack-tilda. the statement of claim al-

-Whitmans candy. Everitts Drug once a week at unannounced times, Details of its operation were not store, Bellefonte, Pa. • it is reported.



#### Jacob W. Shook Credited With Improvement on Manu-

facture of Pistons

Announcement was made by the United States Patent Office in Washington, D. C. last week that a Bellefonte man had been granted al 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 nvention, which has been under (Continued on Page Seven)

Mrs. L. E. Kline Is Seriously Injured

on Saturday

York hospital.

highway and struck her.

transfusion shortly afterwards.

Commerce Chamber to Meet.

NOTICE TO PATRONS

Because Christmas comes on

Thursday, the next issue of The

Centre Democrat will go to press

Tuesday noon to assure delivery

In order to take advantage of

of the issue before the holiday.

mas edition a possibility?

day

those willing to volunteer for this work, and all interested citizens in these sections of Centre county will be held in the Court House on Friday night. December 19, at 8 o'clock. (Continued on Page Seven)

### **Organize** Raid Warning Service

Wardens Named For Each of **Eight Sectors in Centre** 

County At a meeting held at the Ameri-

can Legion Home in Bellefonte last Thursday night, an Air Raid Warn- \$1009.65, was made on a voluntary ing Service for Centre county was basis by the company and without organized

Charles E. Freeman, of Philips- ing to court action, the regional diburg, chairman of the Centre county rector said. "The minimum wage section of Civilian Defense Council, told the group of volunteers they must be the act was not involved in this case, prepared to make many sacrifices to inasmuch as all employes received a

Mrs. Lewis E. Kline, of Hellam, accomplish the work called for in the program. The meeting was in wife of the Rev. L. E. Kline, formerpastor of the Evangelical church charge of Aaron D. Leitzell, Bellefonte, chairman of the local Civilian at Howard, this county, was serious-

ly injured in an automobile accident Defense Council. This county has been divided into eight sectors, with a number of posts Yesterday she was reported to be a very serious condition in the (Continued on Page Seven)

#### Mrs. Kline was making a purchase **Register** Issues from a huckster when the automobile of Mrs. Stefana Szweda, of Birth Certificates and teachers apparently approved

the decision Monday night of the Since the new law for recording School Board in acquitting Super-She suffered fractures of the ribs and correcting birth records went vising Principal Earl K. Stock of and left arm, internal injuries, and into effect Centre County Register charges which had been brought the loss of a middle finger of her Harry A. Corman has issued about against him by a former School Dileft hand. Mrs. Kline underwent a 200 certificates. rector major operation upon admission to

In addition, hundreds of other At the end of the second period the hospital and received a blood persons have obtained their birth about 9:45 o'clock Tuesday morning. records from the Register's office some 500 students quietly assembled Until about a year ago when they and nearly 1000 blanks have been is- outside the Supervising Principal's moved to Hellam, York county, Mr. of and Mrs. Kline were well known and sued but have not been returned at office on Academy Hill, and cheer this time. leaders led them in a series of

Records of persons born prior to cheers for Stock until that official 1906 are kept in the Register's office made his appearance. and the official has all the necessary Visibly moved by the students' ac-forms for applying for duplicate tion, Mr. Stock, speaking briefly, copies or for seeking to correct rec- thanked them for their gesture of ords on which errors appear. support and goodwill and declared Attendants are on duty at the of- he hoped he "deserved" at least fice during business hours each some of the tribute they had given weekday to attend to birth certifi- him

cate requests. Theatres to Give

## **Kiddies a Treat**

**Recruiting Office** The annual Christmas treat from the management of the Bellefonte theatres will be given to the grade school kiddles of Bellefonte and vicruiting office will be opened in cinity at 2 o'clock next Wednesday afternoon, December 24, when they the postoffice building, Bellelonte,

this edition it will be necessary will be entertained at a free movie on Monday, December 22; it was for all advertisers and corres-pondents to have their copy in this office not later than Monat the State theatre. The feature picture will be "The No further details regain Barnyard Follies" plus several office were available here. Christmas shorts. All grade school May we count on your co-oper-ation in making this early Christoungsters in Bellefonte and sur-

terday