in the

WELL! OF ALL THINGS!

Who could imagine anyone bold enough to steal the tires from a

policeman's car? Well, it did happen in Philipsburg. Assis-tant Chief of Police Edwin Gus-

tafson after going off duty at 12:30 the other morning, drove into the driveway of his home

and then went to bed. While he

slept in a room directly over-

looking the parked car, thieves

went to work on it and removed

the two wheels on the far side.

leaving their jacks on the scene. Eddie slept through it all and

A hawk, pursuing a sparrow, crashed through the dining room

window at the home of Mr. and

Mrs. Richard Bryerton, at Duns-

town, near Lock Haven, and wrecked the dining room interior

before Mr. Bryerion, Piper Air-

craft Corporation test pilot, cap-

tured the bird and killed it, find-

ing the hawk to have a 27-inch

measurement from wing tip to

wing tip. The Bryerton's dining

room floor was covered with bro-

Instead of delivering a \$29

check to its owner who was lock-

ed up in a city jail, Allan King,

41, of San Diego, Calif., endorsed it himself and spent it. The prisoner, Roy Nessler, unable to pay a \$5 fine, was given a two-

and-a-half day sentence. During that time, the jail burned and Nessler lost his life along with

four other prisoners. King has been arrested.

Mrs. George Saunders, of Hun-

tington, Ind., doesn't send cookies

to her son in the service, Instead

the son Pvt. Eugene Saunders,

sends cookies to her. He's in the

at Ft. Bragg. N. C., and his moth-

er says his cookles are very good.
"And when he entered the Army last July," she said "he couldn't boll water without burning it."

Donald Barton, 62-year-old waiter of Indianapolis, told police a cut on the back of his neck was

what he got for trying to con-serve sugar. He said he served

a cup of coffee to a young man who picked up a sugar bowl and poured and poured and poured. Barton remonstrated. The cus-tomer hit him with a mustard

WOUNDED IN ACTION

cooks' and bakers' school

NOW HE KNOWS HOW

ken glass and dishes.

FORGERY COST LIFE

didn't hear a thing.

SECOND SECTION

# The Centre Democrat

NEWS,

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NUMBER 11.

### **Workers From Bellefonte Area Complete Courses**

Classes from American Lime Company, National Gypsum Company, Titan Metal Co. and Other Firms, Awarded Certificates

HAWK CRASHES WINDOW

M. T. Bunnell, superintendent in D. Gunsallus, Clair Hazel, Oscar Hacharge of class centers. One of sev- zel, Leonard Lambert, George Saeral supervisory training courses of- ger, Robert Spencer, Harry Traxler, fered by Penn State, the classes were William Troupe, and Harry Ulrich. offered under its fourth engineering This is a composite group represendefense training program which re- ting several local industries. cently closed in 109 cities and towns of the Commonwealth. A new pro- Seashore: J. Willard Barnhart, Samgram is being given in 135 towns, in- uel H. Bricker, Edward Harnish, Guy

Preformanship taught by H. G. Guiteras: Martin W. Ardary, Wil-

foremanship Course.





NOT SISSIES Barracks, Mo., are such first names as: Ethel, Hazel, Carmine, Pearl, Massie, Opal, June, Vivian, Ester, Jean, Maria and Connie. Believe it or not, they're all men, in the air corps, and most of them are slated for training

DOUBLE TROUBLE Frank W. Seiman, 20, of Dunkirk, N. J., was unburt when his automobile struck a pole support-ing electric wires. However, afhe left his car, he brushed against a high-tension wire, dislodged by the crash, and was electrocuted.

NEGRO SAYS HE'S 169 Docketed on a minor charge, an old gray haired negro calmly told a desk sergeant at Memphis, Tenn., that he was 169 years old. Born in slavery, the negro declared that he was more than 90 when Lincoln was shot.

STILL AT IT Martin L. Smith, of Berne, Ind., learned to knit when he was 12. Now, in the time he can spare from his furniture factory job, he's putting his knowledge to good use, knitting for soldiers. He's 82.

Victim Trapped by Fire Elliott Lee, Sr., is a patient at the Robert Packer Hospital at Sayre, suffering from burns received when his farm home near South Warren burned. The home, over 100 years old, was destroyed with its contents, as drifted roads prevented help from arriving in time to extinguish the fire, Mr. Lee was forced to escape 1940 census is 150,348. There are 69,-

#### 'Porky' Has Many Good Points

State College's captive porcupine bread or dog biscuit. The business named "Quills" brauogist this sugend of her quills are so fashioned gestion from authorities last week: that they are almost impossible to "If any one sees Quills, you can get out. Consequently if the porcucurry her favor by feeding her pine is slighted, the finder may chocolate drops, ice cream cones find it more advantageous to call and particularly a dish of salt. If the wild life unit at the college or she is hungry enough, she may wear gloves in dealing with her,"

Disappearance of Pennsylvania condescend to nibble on a piece of

#### Columbia County Sheep are Patriotic be long overdue at a Texas army

Columbia County sheep are doing the farm of H. G. Townsend, near their bit for defense in the way of overcoming the coming wool shortage. In recent weeks, four ewes on offsprings.

#### Milton Motorist Has Tires Stolen

A Milton car owner, who asked was parked on a Milton alley Thursthat his name be withheld, reported day night. Police are conducting an cian. to police that two tires and wheels investigation of the theft. were stolen when the automobile

## Sixty-Three Industrial

The Most Widely Read Newspaper In Centre County

Preformanship, taught by C. G.

Johnson, C. W. Keller, John Kelle

cher, George Keilerman, A. G. Kna-

pik, Russell I, Lucas Fred Lose, Ed-

ward Maloy, James McNichol, Alex-

nell, Jay I. Schlegel, Jay A. Smith.

John W. Smith, Eigene Stine and

Robert Thomas. All are employes of

Preformanship taught also by Mr

the American Lime Company.

ander G. Morris, III. Calvin C. Pur-

Sixty-three employes of the Amer- | fred C. Cassidy, Earl E. Espenshade, ican Lime Company, National Gyp- Linus C. Gill, Richard Gill, Joseph sum Company, Titan Metal Com- M. Herman, Earl O. Heverly, Joseph pany, and other firms have been A. Johnson, James A. Kelley, Guy awarded certificates of completion A. Kline, Henry Ollila, Leroy Sampfor having satisfactorily passed the sell, and Lloyd Sampsell. All are courses in preformanship offered by employes of the National Gypsum the Pennsylvania State College Company. through its Extension Services in Preformanship, taught also by Mr.

The announcement was made by rad. Latham Gray, Willis Grove, J cluding Bellefonte.

The following students received

Instructors in State College Pre-





H. G. GUITERAS

Gets Lesson on Trapping

Possession of a state fur license does not carry with it the privilege of chloroforming beavers, the game commission made clear last week. The commission announced that it had fined Edward D. McCarthy, Wellsboro trapper, \$50 for driving a pipe through the roof of a beaver den and pouring half a bottle of chloroform into it in an effort to kill all the animals within. For his during which new quarters in Mill Shaeffer, 68, a Newark, Del., mer- so doing, discharged an extra-or- \$25 fine and \$7.50 costs for aiding in unsuccessful attempt, he was fined Hall will be sought. Mr. Altenderfer chant was an illegitimate son of Mrs. dinary heavy blast of dynamite and the concealment of one of the birds, unsuccessful attempt, he was fined and his trapping license will be revoked, according to the commission,

Blair County Population The population of Blair county, according to final data from the TOWN BURIED TWO DAYS

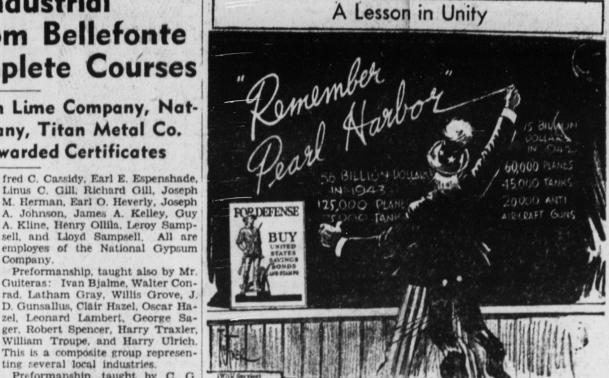
by jumping from a second story 385 males and 75,793 females. The window. His condition is serious. foreign-born total 5,905. The rural foreign-born total 5,905. The rural farm population comprises all per-

#### for more than two days, the town of Jenkins, Ky., near the Virginia "Oil King" is the petty officer sons living on farms in rural teraboard a Naval vessel in charge of ritory and totals 9,976. There are and West Virginia borders, dug out 88,000 persons over 21. last weekend from snow that ranged to a depth of 44 inches.

So far as could be ascertained, no lives were lost

Hurt by Falling Tree Ralph Page, Milton R. D., suffered fractures of both bones in his lower left leg last week when a tree which he was sawing fell on the leg. The mishap occured on the farm of William LeVan, Milton R. D. 1. The injury was treated by a local physi-

For Victory: Buy Bonds,



#### 4-FOOT TREE, 200 YEARS OLD

PROGRAM OF JAP CONQUEST

tions have so far been able only to ganized a great deal of fifth column They have done remarkably well in is a shipping problem also. That is

tions have so far been able only to activity in Burma—precisely as she building up sizable air and armament why an effort is being made to imstoned anywhere

arrangements have been made be- Women at Muncy as the "brains" of N. Burnham, of Tyrone and War- expensive face for two Flemington

Hygrade-Sylvania Corp. for the lat- 000 Henrietta E. Garrett snuff for- suit in Blair county court for the hearing before Alderman T. Mark

using, that transfer will not be made and placed on probation for 5 years, in building a highway for the state of the birds and caught another, was

pany and the New York City Health already been sentenced, were con- about August 4, the defendant did given a like penalty of fine and costs

their present quarters for 6 months Shaeffer's brother, Isaac Newton could be properly formed, and in His brother Paul, was penalized

the school of engineering at Penn sides being too heavy, was put off State College were named on the too close to the springs by an in-

electrical engineering senior, all of had to be amputated. He is a pa-

ON DEAN'S HONOR LIST them to go dry, on account of the

The two women and four other department of highways,

Department have approved a plan victed of conspiracy and forgery in certain blasting to loosen the rock for shooting within for the Sheffield Farms to retain their attempts to prove that Miss in order that a base for the road cupied buildings.

ced today. These students, who at- may be destroyed.

Japanese submarines are operating the white races. So the defending in Libya, how difficult it is to fight war,

in the Indian Ocean, across one of forces must fight a war within, even on the desert wastes and hold gains.

Sheffield Farms Company An- Convicted of Conspiracy in the Owners of Land Bring Dam-

\$20,000,000 Garrett

Snuff Case

o maintain a milk plant at Mill Hall old spinster of Philadelphia, was their farm were ruined by the

the company has informed the man-sentenced to an indeterminate per-construction of a highway through

ager, G. Altenderfer, there. While lod in the State Industrial School for it, B. F., S. N., Charles F. and S.

tween the Sheffield Farms and the a conspiracy to obtain the \$20,000,- riors Mark, have entered a trespass

which the dairy products firm is now Taylor of Glenside, was fined \$1000 Pottsville, a contractor employed

Both the Hygrade-Sylvania Com- members of their family, who have The plaintiffs contend that on or

Five Centre County students in

tained a scholastic average of 2.5 or

Jack Mentzer, Bellefonte, electri-

cal engineering senior; Frank Goss,

Philipsburg electrochemical engin-

eering senior; Harry Baker, mech-

anical engineering senior; George

Cohen, mechanical engineering

Many Naval officers remove their

fresmman; and Earl Stavley, Jr.,

State College.

mark of courtesy.

better out of a possible 3, are:

condensary building in Mill Hall Her sister, Mrs. Ellen Shaeffer \$6,000 against R. C. Burket, of afternoon.

To Retain Plant Woman, 60, Goes Claims Blasts

the United Nations' vital oil sup- as they fight one without.

nounces No Move to Be

Made For Present

said that producers in the Mill Hall Garrett.

area could be assured that operations

UNDER NEAR 4-FOOT SNOW

Cut off from the rest of the world

The fall began Monday and con-

tinued almost unceasingly for 36 hours. The coal mining city of Jenkins itself had 36 inches of

snow, and the deepest measured fall was 44 inches on Cumberland

A bus and eight passengers remained in a snowdrift six miles out of Jenkins for 22 hours. The

driver kept the motor running part of the time and thus supplied heat,

but there was no food. Among the passengers was a soldier who will

mountain.

ard plant as has been reported.

for six months.

In Mill Hall Area to Prison for Fraud

The Sheffield Farms Co. intends Miss Grace L. Shaeffer, 60-year-

ter to take over that part of the old tune through a fake claim.

would not be transferred to the How- FIVE COUNTY STUDENTS

The fall of Singapore has added corrupt clique of priests who have graphleal advantage. Both the Brit- fort may, in the long run, prove the

wood township, Juniata county.

and Waters, has identified this tree feet in height. Seashore: Bryson T. Baird, Mac as a prostrate variety of the com-Bathurst, Benjamin E. Baughman, Taylor Billett, Wilbur F. Breon, Joseph H. Confer Harold E. Dock. feet, and is circular in its habit of birds. Fred E. Fisher, James D. Funk, Paul F. Justice, Thomas M. Miller, Charles

The prostrate juniper is a native of Monsell, Edwin B. Peters, Donald Ray, John E. Riter, Samuel G. Charles O. Witherite, and William Yates, All are employes of

A tree four feet in heighth and County, before its death several years approximately 200 years old is grow- ago, was located several miles east ing in a private woodlot in Green- of Middletown. It grew in the most Research forester Albert B. Mick- entire natural range and averaged representatives of Emperor Hirohito titis, of the Department of Forests forty-five feet in spread and three in attendance, after which Homma's

It is believed that these unique mon juniper. It is locally called the plants originated from seeds brought "Indian tree," has a spread of fifty from the far north by migratory

specimens are found in several coun- Coast Guard burns a red light mander-in-chief of all enemy forces ties of the Commonwealth. The fam- meaning "You are seen; assistance in the occupied Philippines, was of the Methodist church, a charter ous prostrate juniper of Dauphin will be given as soon as possible."

natives are controlled by a rich, by a vast desert which is a geo- ship output. The success of that ef-

On the debt, side is the fact that

age Suit Against Road

Contractor

Claiming that two springs on

recovery of damages in the sum of

change of the course of the water.

It is charged that the blast be-

School's honor list for the first semester, Dean H. P. Hammond announing had been given that the springs registered Holstein No. 10270992, died

Charles W. Seasholtz, 24, of Lock

serious that nearly all of the hand gluemakers.

Haven, got his right hand caught

tient at the Lock Haven Hospital.

A primary purpose of Navy uni-

caps when passing through the forms is to show quickly rank and ed a fractured left foot near Renovo. crew's quarters at meal time as a corps, hence authority imposed by The injury was received when a

law upon those wearing them.

**Ruined Spring** 

### Japanese Commander In Philippines Kills Self For Failure to Beat MacArthur

Lieut. General Masaharu Said to Have Committed Hara Kari Over His Defeat; American Guns Smash Jap Troop Convoy

Washington from General Douglas fluently during long service in Lon-MacArthur, the War Department an- don and India. nounces that the Japanese army commander in the Philippines has committed suicide because of the invaders failure to overcome the American-Filipino defenders.

The reports "from various sources hitherto regarded as reliable," were detailed in a communique which said MacArthur's artillery on the Bataan fighting front had inflicted heavy losses on an enemy regiment in another surprise attack.

destroyed 29 of 90 motor trucks which rising. were moving an estimated 2,500 enemy troops to the front line north of

The reports concerning the Japanese commander, Lieut. Gen. Masaharu Homma, said he committed hara-kari last month. While the reports lacked complete verification, it was said the funeral rites were held southern known outpost in the tree's February 26 in Manila with personal ashes were flown to Japan.

Ironically the reports were that the suicide and funeral rites occurred in the Manila hotel suite occupied by MacArthur prior to the evacuation of Manila.

General Homma, commander of the northwoods but occasionally Discovering a wreck at night the the Japanese 14th army and comknown as a fully Europeanized Jap-

The experts are saying today that

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2 Pheasants Cost

**Hunters Heavily** 

Bring Heavy Fines, Costs

to Violators

Two of the hundred ringneck

pheasants released in the Bald Eagle

Valley by Game Protector Miles L.

Reeder early last week proved to be

brothers who were heavily fined at a

Brungard in Lock Haven, Saturday

fined \$25 and costs of \$7.50 for shoot-

ing a pheasant out of season and

for shooting within 150 yards of oc-

Bovine Champion is Dead

on Roy Bowen's farm, Covington, near Wellsboro, at the age of 17 years. Her claim to fame was pro-

duction of 253,304 pounds of milk

with a butterfat rating of 1,701.8 lbs.,

Joseph Kisko of Bitumen, suffer-

mire car jumped the tracks.

Winnie Ormsby Pontiac Finderne,

Game Protector Reeder.

ruined the two springs from which whose careass was found in a stump

water was obtained for drinking of a tree back of the Powell home.

and domestic purposes, by causing They were arrested Friday night by

Haven, got his right hand caught during a 14-year test conducted by in the meat grinder while at work the dairy herd improvment associa-

at the Morrison abbatoir at Salona tion. Bowen buried her rather than

last week and suffered injuries so ship the remains to tanners and

William Fred Powell, who shot one

According to information reaching anese who learned to speak English

High Water Closes Road

ties forced closing of Route 49 be- result the newspaper by whom the ners in Tioga County and threaten- gilt-edged, signed, sealed and at-County, the highway department re-Four inches of water was NEW COUNCIL: reported on U. S. Route 6 in North Towanda, Department officials feared it might be necessary to close this Borough Council, spectators learned Guns firing from hidden positions road since waters there were still that there are two elements in that

#### Mill Hall Man Was Born Here

T. J. Hickoff, Prominent Citizen Dies at Age of Eighty-Nine

Thomas Jefferson Hickoff, native of Bellefonte, died at his home in Mill Hall, Thursday morning of last week after a year's illness. He was 89 years of age.

Leaving Bellefonte as a boy, Mr. Hickoff located in Mill Hall where he was employed for many years at the axe factory. He was a member member of the Kngihts of the Golden Eagle, served as secretary of the school board and also served as tax collector for several years, resigning from this position only three months ago because of ill health. Surving him are three daughters.

Mrs. E. T. Snyder of Mill Hall, and A short time ago, Japanese Premier Tojo described, in part, what the Nipponese war fords have in mind in the way of conquest. The present program, he said, involves taking Burma, China, India, the Dutch East Indies and Australia into Japan's so-called "Co-prosperity Sphere." To Americans that program may seem ambitious and vaing forces, is bad. There, as in Malaya, and at Singapore, it has not been gram may seem ambitious and vaing forces, is bad. There, as in Malaya, and at Singapore, it has not been gram for a the hard fact is that Japan has gone a long way in a short time toward reaching her goal of absolute dominance of everything in the Pacific, and the United Na-A short time ago, Japanese Pre- ply lines, and this underseas fleet! The possibility of the loss of Bur- Australia, gigantic in area, has a Mrs. H. T. Cole, Woolrich, and Mrs.

Guy Brubaker, Selinsgrove R. D., PIPE: treated in the Mary M. Packer Hospital for a fracture of the left foot due to it being caught on a chain hoist while he was at work. The foot was examined by x-rays and placed immensely to our military problem. little love for either the Chinese or ish and the Germans have learned, key to the winning of the Pacific

Car Mounts Porch

Three porch posts and the balus- to it. rade of the front porch of a double THOUGHTS WHILE dwelling at Bloomsburg were torn away when a car driven by Robert Williams, Millville, went into a spin as a front tire blew out, and landed on the porch. The car was consid-Birds Shot Out of Season erable damaged.

> Naval officers and men stand at attention facing ship or person sal-uted during the firing of a salute.

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### Random Items

The difficulties of reporting the news in one Centre County town seems to be terrific, they tell us. Up at State College one day recently there was a fire in the upper story of a building. A State College re porter who has been in State College for several years and who should be known to most of the officials of that town, went to the fire, but was halted some distance away by a recently-elected borough officer, who allegedly refused to give the newsman any information about the fire Seeing a man peering out an upper window of the building in which the fire was located, the reporter shouted to him: "Where's the fire?" The official, the story goes, shouted to the man at the window, "Don't you High water in two northern coun- tell him! Don't you tell him!" As a tween Osceola and Academy Cor- reporter is employed is having made ed traffic on two others in Bradford tested-to identification cards, bearing the photograph of the holder.

At the latest meeting of Bellefonte body. One might be called the "Old Guard." The other might be termed "The Missourians,' who want to know the why and wherefore of things which have transpired as a matter of course at Council in the past. There were a couple of sharp words between the two groups at the last session, and from what we hear there will be more and more as time goes on. A difference of opinion is a healthy thing. But let's keep the fun clean. We don't want any more sessions such as the School Board held a year or so ago. Or do

NO EXCUSE

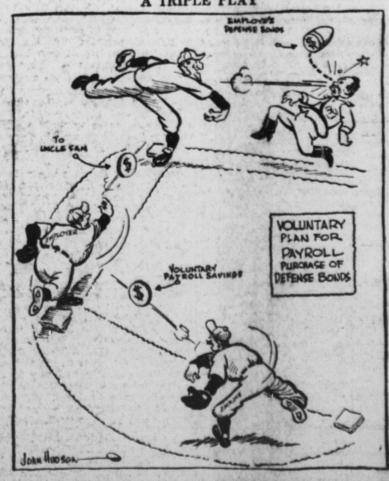
On December 5, 1941, two days before Pearl Harbor, Vincent Sheean, foreign correspondent for a New York newspaper, addressed the annual meeting of the National Association of Manufacturers in New York City. He had just returned from a tour of the South Pacific, and predicted that war between the U. S. and Japan was unevitable, "maybe in a week or two-probably before the end of the winter." We have just read the text of Sheean's address, and his predictions of what Japan would do, and how easily the Land of the Rising Sun would score vast initial successes, have come to pass with amazing accuracy. What irks us is that if a newspaperman on a quick trip could make such an accurate analysis of what was going on, what excuse is there for the Kimmels and the Shorts whose sole business in life is to keep informed on such matters and be ready to meet any threat to the nation?

a giant snow man for the entertainment of the neighborhood children For a realistic touch he put a hat on the image and stuck his best briar in its snow mouth. Came evening and "pappy" thought he'd have a smoke. Dashing out to the yard to recover his forgotten pipe, he found that someone had beat him

DAY-DREAMING:

Wonder why it is that every time someone has sought to bring us as a newspaperman to their way of thinking they have always, without exception, offered to pay \$50 for the favor. Never more, never less. Wonder if they'd have paid off? Had our first glimpse the other day of the youth who is classed as the No. 1 ned-raiser of the first grade (Continued on Page Siz)

#### A TRIPLE PLAY



PETER PUBLIC—A Matter of Odds!







## By F. O. ALEXANDER WHAT HE MEANS IS --ONCE A WEEK HE LISTEN FOR A PHONE CALL FROM