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# BURNS FATAL TO RUNWIFE WOMAN

## Exploding Erosene Sets Fire to Home

Husband, 7 Children, Leap to Safety After Blast in Kitchen

VICTIM IS MRS. ARTHUR BENNETT

Coroner to Conduct Investigation; Neighbors Save Home From Ruin

**BULLETIN!**  
Burns received early yesterday morning at her home in Runville proved fatal to Mrs. Arthur Bennett, 32, who died at the Centre County Hospital at 6 o'clock last night. She had been conscious most of the time up until about two hours before her death.

During her conscious moments Mrs. Bennett told attendants at the hospital that the blast which followed when she poured coal oil into the kitchen range, threw her backwards through the room and set fire to her clothing.

Centre County Coroner Charles Shekler, of Milesburg, notified of the tragedy last night, said an investigation would be held today. He did not believe an inquest would be necessary.

Funeral arrangements had not been made last night.

Mrs. Arthur Bennett, 32, of Runville, was seriously burned and her husband and seven children escaped from their blazing home by leaping from a porch roof early yesterday morning after an explosion in the kitchen of the home.

Mrs. Bennett, who expects the birth of her eighth child in the very near future, last night was reported to be in a serious condition at the Centre County Hospital where she was taken immediately after the fire. Her entire body is badly burned.

The blast occurred about 6:30 a. m. while Mrs. Bennett, alone in the kitchen, is believed to have attempted to light the gas.

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## Memorial Day Observed Here

V. F. W. Junior Five and Drum Corps Makes First Public Appearance

An unusually large crowd turned out for the annual Memorial Day services held in Bellefonte Saturday afternoon.

In the parade which preceded the services on the Diamond the Veterans of Foreign Wars Junior Five and Drum Corps made its initial public appearance and was given a warm reception all along the line.

Rev. Ralph G. McMullen, of Harrisburg, World War I pilot was the principal speaker, while James R. Hughes spoke at exercises held by the Veterans of Foreign Wars in the Union cemetery earlier in the afternoon.

The speaking program on the Diamond was in charge of Samuel D. (Continued on Page Three)

## Investigate VFW Theft

The theft of some \$500, thought to include money from Buddy Poppy sales, from a safe at the State College VFW home in State College, is being investigated by borough police. A worker at the home discovered the absence of a box of money from the safe, which had not been completely locked, early last Thursday morning.

**Law Offices to Close**  
At its quarterly meeting last week the Centre County Bar Association voted to close all law offices in the county on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons during the summer, from June 6 to September 1.

## Ask Clubs, Industries, Citizens to Contribute \$1,500 For Civil Defense

The following contributions to the Bellefonte Borough Defense Fund were reported last night. The goal is \$1500. Contributions will be received until June 30.

|                      |          |
|----------------------|----------|
| Titan Metal Mfg. Co. | \$100.00 |
| W. F. Sieg           | 10.00    |
| W. W. Sieg           | 10.00    |
| Horace J. Hartranft  | 5.00     |
| Carl Bauer           | 5.00     |
| Sheriff E. R. Miller | 5.00     |
| A. L. Francis        | 5.00     |
| Total                | \$140.00 |

The Bellefonte Civilian Defense Council needs \$1,500 for the purchase of air-raid sirens, establishment of first-aid stations, and for the purchase of other equipment vital to the defense program.

Normally such funds would come

## Citizen Dies



COL. W. FREDERICK REYNOLDS

Col. W. Frederick Reynolds, widely known Bellefonte banker and churchman, died suddenly and unexpectedly at 9 o'clock Saturday night, death being attributed to a heart attack. Col. Reynolds was 80.

The fatal attack came without apparent warning about 8 p. m. while Col. Reynolds was at dinner at the H. M. Quigley residence on East Curtin street. With him at the time were Mrs. Reynolds and one of his sons, W. Frederick Reynolds, Jr. of East Orange, N. J. He had been in his usual excellent health during the day.

A member of one of Bellefonte's foremost old families Col. Reynolds came here in 1871 at the age of 10 years to make his home with his bachelor uncles, the late William F. and Elisha Reynolds. He attended (Continued on Page 2)

## Minor Accident Mars Holiday Traffic

Usually light automobile traffic marked the Memorial Day weekend in Centre county and only one minor accident was reported by the Pleasant Gap sub-station State Motor Police.

About 10 o'clock Friday night a motorcycle operated by Van C. Hulihan, of Enola, struck the rear of a car operated by Thelma M. Cary, of Kingston, at the Boalsburg intersection. No one was injured. Damage to the motorcycle was estimated at \$5 and to the car \$25.

## Bell Telephone Unfurls Flag

Bellefonte Office Has 100 Per Cent War Bond Record

A large Minute Man flag, an official emblem of the United States Treasury Department, was unfurled Monday, June 1, at the office of the Bell Telephone Company of Pennsylvania, North Allegheny street, Bellefonte, to symbolize that 100 per cent of Bell employees are buying War Bonds through the payroll deduction plan.

Unfurling the flag was coincident with a similar flag display and the presentation of a United States Treasury Department certificate of award to the Bell Company at the company's headquarters in Harrisburg. The certificate was presented by C. W. Bonnell, plant vice chief.

Jesse H. Gaim, manager for the Bell Company, said the latest report shows that 100 per cent of all Bell of Pennsylvania employees are participating.

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## Catholic Daughters Install New Officers

Following a banquet at the Brook-erhoff hotel on Tuesday evening, the Catholic Daughters of America held installation ceremonies in the meeting rooms of their hall in the Farmers National Bank building.

The following officers were installed for the coming year: Catharine A. Hartle, grand regent, re-elected; Mrs. Russell Haupt, vice regent; Miss Marie Kelleher, monitor; Mrs. Joseph Ross, prophetess; Mrs. Harry Dunlap, financial secretary, re-elected; Mrs. Oscar Gary, treasurer, re-elected; Miss Mary Hartle, historian; Mrs. John Garis, lecturer; Mrs. Andy Kachik, sentinel; Mrs. Samuel B. Rhinesmith, organist; Mrs. Winfield (Continued on Page Three)

## Bellefonte Youth Is Injured In Mishap

Richard Jamison, aged 6, son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Jamison, of East Logan street, was injured about 5:30 p. m. Tuesday, when he was struck by a car near his home. Witnesses said the child ran across the street in the path of a car operated by David Miller, Jr., of Bush Addition, Bellefonte.

The child suffered injuries to the left side of his face and lacerations of the head. He was treated at the dispensary of the Centre County Hospital, where he was taken by the driver of the car. His condition is not serious.

## Fishermen Have Poor Luck, Hook Selves

Two anglers fishing in the Bellefonte area, Sunday, fell afoul of fishing hooks and were taken to the Centre County Hospital to have them removed.

William Stevens, 23, of Ashland, had a hook imbedded in his chin while he was fishing along Spring Creek. George E. Churella, aged 9, of Patton, got a hook firmly fastened in the little finger of his right hand. Neither injury was of a serious nature.

## 59th Annual BHS Commencement Tonight; 128 to Receive Diplomas

"The Distinction of Average" will be the topic of the address to be given by Dr. Herbert Kepp-Baker of State College, at the 59th annual commencement exercises of the Bellefonte High School at the Plaza theatre tonight. The program will begin promptly at 8 o'clock.

The commencement exercises will be in charge of O. F. Sollenberger, principal of the Bellefonte High School, while Earl K. Stock, superintendent of schools, will award diplomas to the 128 members of the graduating class. Mr. Stock also will award a long list of prizes offered annually for outstanding achievement in various branches of school work.

The invocation and benediction will be given by Rev. C. Nevin Haman, pastor of the Bellefonte Reformed church, while the school orchestra, directed by Bruce Garner, and the senior chorus, directed by Mrs. Ernest Martin, will have charge of the music program.

There will be no manual training or home economics exhibits this year. Neither will there be closing day programs. These annual features of commencement week have had to be cancelled this year because of lack of space and facilities in the Academy property, as well as because of the fact that teachers have been spending much time in (Continued on Page Four)

## Terms Defense As Inadequate

Council to Purchase Sirens; Street Lighting Program Revived

Bellefonte's lack of preparation for air raids was pointed out at a meeting Monday night by Col. R. M. Mitchell, Regional Director of the 3rd Region Pennsylvania State Council of Defense, who declared that adequate air-raid sirens, first aid stations and certain other equipment is essential to the safety of the community.

Col. Mitchell declared that the proposed use of aerial bombs as an air-raid signal is not satisfactory. "If the bombs are large enough to rouse the town, they will be large enough to cause possible damage," he said. "If they aren't large enough they will be useless," he added. Col. Mitchell said also that the aerial bombs might be mistaken for an actual air raid and cause panic.

The Defense Director further pointed out the need for two first-aid stations and declared that a number of other items are needed. After a discussion it was decided that \$1500 would supply some of the facilities.

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## Logans Volunteer for Airplane Spotting

At a regular meeting of the Logan Fire Company, Tuesday night, the company volunteered to provide 16 members one night a week to man an airplane spotting post in the Bellefonte area from 4 p. m. to 8 a. m.

A committee composed of Guy Boehman, chairman, Bud Coble, Dean Poedel, G. Murray Decker and Herbert Auman, Jr., was appointed to work with Aaron D. Leitze and Samuel Rhinesmith, of the Civilian Defense Council, in mapping out a schedule for the Logan volunteers.

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## Theft of Car May be Linked To Prisoner

Police Scour Reedsville Area After Machine is Abandoned

OCCUPANTS SEEN RUNNING FROM CAR

Two Robberies in Lemont Blamed on Man Who Flew Rockview

Search for Joseph Selmeck, 26, a Rockview inmate who walked away from the institution Saturday night, was intensified yesterday when a car stolen about noon at State College was halted by police near Reedsville and two unidentified occupants fled into a nearby woods.

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## Boards Jammed as County Residents Apply For Canning Rations

A corps of volunteer clerks working at top speed in a room filled with tables and chairs has been engaged almost without interruption since Monday morning at the Centre County Home, taking applications of Centre County residents for extra sugar for canning purposes.

Yesterday when the office closed for the day it was estimated that from 1200 to 1500 applications had been filled out in the first three days. The registration in Bellefonte will continue throughout this week from 8 a. m. to 5 p. m.

While the office at the County Home received applications from Bellefonte Borough, Nittany Valley and Bald Eagle Valley residents, similar scenes were being enacted at State College, where residents of State College and College, Benner, Pateron, Ferguson, Hallowood and Harris townships submitted applications. State College registration continues through Thursday.

Other registration points have (Continued on Page 2)

## Urges More Care In Questionnaires

Only About One-Half of Occupational Forms Are Correctly Filled Out

An urgent appeal to men in this area to aid the war effort by using more care in filling out their occupational questionnaires was issued today by W. Ernest Brown, manager of the Bellefonte office of the United States Employment Service.

"Effective mobilization of our manpower for wartime industry and agriculture must be accomplished if we are to win the war," Mr. Brown declared. "For this purpose it is essential that the occupational inventory be completed speedily and accurately."

Preliminary reports indicate that many of the questionnaires coming (Continued on Page Four)

## Sacred Concert at Reformed Church

The Young Peoples Choir of St. John's Reformed Church, Bellefonte, will present a program of sacred music Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock. The choir is directed by Mrs. Lenore Martin. The public is cordially invited to attend.

"Lift Up Your Heads"—Hopkins.  
"I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes"—Whitfield.

"The Heavens Declare Thy Glory to God"—Bethoven.  
Trombone Trio.

"As the Heart"—Hall.  
"Incline Thine Ear to Me"—Himmel.  
"Seek Ye the Lord"—Roberts.  
"No Shadow Yonder"—Gaul.

Organ Solo.  
Trombone Trio.

"Rejoice Ye With Jerusalem"—Spinney.  
"Emanuel"—Notte.  
"Hosanna"—Gauler.

A silver offering will be received.

## Logan Carnival to Aid Local Defense

The Logan Fire Company, Bellefonte, has voted to turn in 25 per cent of the net proceeds from the Company's annual carnival this summer to the Civilian Defense Council.

In view of the fact that the Council is sorely in need of \$1500 to purchase air-raid sirens and other important equipment, the action of the Logan company is much appreciated by the Defense Council, officials declared. This week Borough Council is launching a campaign for contributions to the \$1500 defense fund and the Logan's action is the first reported major pledge.

## All Night Blackout Scheduled June 24



ROBERT CHISHOLM

Suffering a fractured arm, shoulder, and leg in an automobile accident at Venita, Okla., early yesterday morning, Robert Chisholm, 25, former student at the Bellefonte airport, is reported to be in serious condition at the Venita Hospital. No details of the accident were available.

Chisholm several months ago completed a 3-year flying course at the local airport, and received an appointment as cadet instructor at Victory Field, Vernon, Texas.

The accident happened while he was en route to Victory Field from Bellefonte where he had visited the James Panning home on South Water street since last Thursday. He left here Monday. Miss Jean Panning, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Panning, departed by rail for Venita yesterday morning upon being notified of the accident.

## Milesburg Is 150 Years Old

Woman's Club to Participate in Anniversary Celebration Next Month

Plans for the observance of the 150th anniversary of the founding of Milesburg were discussed at a regular meeting of the Milesburg Woman's Club in the school in that community Monday night. The anniversary is to be celebrated in July.

The club voted to participate in the celebration and named Mrs. Margaret Roberts as chairman of a committee to work with a committee from the Centre County Historical Society in planning for the event.

The session, at which Mrs. L. G. Peters of Milesburg, president, opened with a silent prayer, a salute to the flag, and the song "Hail Pennsylvania." The welfare committee reported that new quotas for Red Cross sewing have been received and the chairman, Miss Ella Wagner, invited all residents of the area, whether club members or not, to aid in the sewing program.

Mrs. Donald Robinson, Mrs. R. S. Kirby and Dr. Anna Stevens, all of State College, spoke on various phases of the cancer control campaign.

It was announced that the two \$5 prizes offered by the club for scholastic achievement of Milesburg and Boggs township pupils in the Bellefonte High School were awarded as follows:

Milesburg student having the highest general average, Louise Swartz, and honorable mention, Marjorie Lyons.

Boggs township student having the highest general average, Charles McKinley, and honorable mention, Florence Miller.

## Prominent Native of County Dies

Boyd A. Musser, 72, Succumbs at Home in Scranton; Was Penn State Trustee

Boyd A. Musser, 72, Centre county native and an alumni member of the Penn State College Board of Trustees since 1927, died Wednesday, May 27, 1942, at his home in Scranton of a heart ailment.

Mr. Musser, who had been suffering from heart trouble for some time was president of the Anthracite Bridge Company of Scranton, which he organized.

Born at Houserville in May, 1870, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Musser, he lived on the old Musser homestead near State College and attended State College schools. After graduation from the College in 1894, he

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## Work Resumed On Howard Highway

Steel Beams For Bridge Expected to Arrive Early This Month

The H. J. Williams Company of York, contractors for the five-mile stretch of new highway on Route 64 between Howard and Beech Creek have returned with men and equipment to finish the job.

Reed & Kuhn, of Marysville, subcontractors for the bridges, expect the steel beams for the bridge across Bald Eagle Creek a short distance east of Howard early this month. This material was ordered last July and despite priority rating, after Pearl Harbor, an embargo was imposed. Now, it appears, the contract called for completion of the entire job by July 1. It looks now as if the finish will not go far beyond that date.

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## Seriously Hurt

Test Will Include Half-Hour of Unannounced Complete Blackout

RESULTS WILL BE CHECKED BY PLANES

Urge Public to Continue Normal Activities, Shield All Lights

Bellefonte and every section of Centre county will be partially blacked-out from dusk to dawn on Wednesday, June 24, and a half hour full black-out called at some unspecified time during the night.

This was announced yesterday by the State Council of Defense as final plans were drawn up for a State-wide blackout to be split up into three sections for its test. The eastern part of the State is to blackout June 23, the middle sections June 24 and western Pennsylvania on the 25th.

Counties scheduled for the night of June 24 are Centre, Clinton, Clearfield, Mifflin, Juniata, Franklin, Huntingdon, Fulton, Bedford, Cameron, Lycoming, Tioga, Potter, Somerset, Indiana, Jefferson, Elk and McKean.

Half-Hour Almost Complete

Combined with the night-long blackout which is now in progress will be almost complete half-hour blackout at a time not announced in advance. During this period traffic will halt and street lights, exterior safety lights, and vehicular lights will be doused, later to be turned on again.

To stimulate actual raid conditions, the half-hour intense blackout will be ordered over the regular Air Raid Warning System and the signal relayed to the public by air raid sirens and whistles. The sirens will set off also a series of realistic operations designed to test the readiness of Pennsylvania's 400,000 Citizens Defense Corps members such as air raid wardens, auxiliary firemen and police and other volunteer protective workers.

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## Howard Camp Center of Conservation Work

The conscientious objectors' camp at Mt. Eagle, formerly the Howard Sidle Camp, will be used as a conservation work center, announced by Major General Lewis B. Hershey, director of Selective Service, as Civilian Public Service Camp No. 40, to be the base of operations for soil conservation work in the state.

Selective Service registrants who are classified as conscientious objectors by their local boards may be assigned to the camp in lieu of their induction for military service, Hershey said.

Those at the camp will provide labor for a nursery of approximately 8,000,000 trees, provide "planting material for erosion control and reclamation of idle land for federal and state agencies and soil conservation districts, the maintenance of a fire-fighting unit for the protection of a forest area including three state forests and one game refuge, all within a radius of 25 miles."

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## Suffers Head Injury

Vincent Boldin, 25, of Bellefonte, R. D. 1, was discharged from the Centre County Hospital, Tuesday afternoon, after undergoing treatment for injuries suffered Sunday afternoon when a car under which he was working fell off its supports. Boldin suffered lacerations of the head. An x-ray examination revealed no fractures.