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FLYING FORTRESS IS FORCED DOWN

7 Escape Injury As Bomber Crashes

Overruns Field in Emergency Landing at Local Airport
DAMAGES GARAGE, BARN, TREE, FENCE
Dismantling Operations Now Under Way; Plane Badly Damaged

BULLETIN
A crew of about 20 men from Middletown airport, with 2 truck-trailer outfits, a derrick, several tents and a quantity of other equipment arrived at the airport here Tuesday night to begin the task of dismantling the crippled Flying Fortress.

The bomber yesterday was dragged from the Garbrick barnyard to the eastern edge of the airport, where dismantling is under way. It is reported that the process will require about one month's time, since each part will be inspected and tested as it is removed to determine whether it is fit for service in other planes.

Swooping down to an emergency landing at the Bellefonte airport about 8:45 o'clock Friday night, a giant four-motored U. S. Army "Flying Fortress," unable to halt on the field, bowled over a small hangar, knocked the corner off a barn, crushed a combination corn crib and garage, and came to rest against a large tree only a few feet from the Harry E. Garbrick home.

Four occupants of the huge plane crawled out uninjured while three persons who were watching the ship come down escaped with a bad fright when the plane swept past within a short distance of where they stood.

The plane, with portions of both wings torn off and with its nose and one of its motors damaged, was reported to be unfit for further use as a unit, but many of its parts and fittings are undamaged.

The plane, which allegedly had been circling over the airport for hours in heavy clouds and fog after its radio and compass had gone bad, was forced to come down because of a serious shortage of gasoline. It was said that the pilot had made several attempts to locate the Black Moshannon airport, without success.

The pilot came in from the west, struck the landing field about 60 feet from its western edge, at a speed of between 105 and 120 miles an hour. The plane "ballooned" for a considerable distance before again touching the ground. The pilot applied the brakes, but the grass was long and wet and the tires skidded along without slowing the ship to an appreciable extent.

Reaching the western end of the field the bomber crashed into the B. J. Grytcko, Jr., private hanger.

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Youth Killed, Second Injured In Motor Crash

Donald McCloskey, 18, of Howard, R. D., Victim in Collision
CLINTON CORONER TO HOLD INQUEST
Crash Results As Truck-Trailer Attempts to Pass Bus

An inquest will be conducted into an accident near Mill Hill Saturday morning which caused the death of 18-year-old Donald LeRoy McCloskey, son of Mahlon L. McCloskey, of Howard R. D. 1.

Dr. W. J. Shoemaker, Clinton County Coroner, will hold the inquest as soon as Herbert K. Haines, of Howard R. D. 1, also injured in the crash, is well enough to testify.

McCloskey died at the Lock Haven Hospital at 11:10 o'clock Saturday morning, less than an hour after a coupe in which he was riding was struck head-on by a large trailer-truck in front of the Stone Barbecue stand, between Flemington and Mill Hill. He had suffered fractures of his ribs on the left side, concussion of the brain and internal injuries, and he never regained consciousness.

Haines, a friend of the young man who was driving the coupe toward Lock Haven when the collision occurred. Miraculously, Haines escaped with severe contusions of the left leg, contusions of the arm and neck, shock and bruise burns of both hands. While painful, his injuries are not serious and it is expected he will leave the hospital soon. Both he and McCloskey were taken there in an ambulance, which arrived on the scene a few minutes after the crash.

The other person injured is George Fraub, of DuBois, the driver of the truck which suffered a laceration of his right knee and shock. He declined medical attention.

According to the State Motor Police, Fraub was operating an International truck with a Fruehauf trailer toward Mill Hill, following in the track of a large Cooper-Jarrett truck and trailer and a bus of the Susquehanna Traction Company. When Albert W. Rudy, Lock Haven, stopped the bus in front of the barbecue stand to discharge passengers.

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Independence Day, July 4th



Driver Freed In Fatal Crash

Mrs. Harry G. Ebbs, 69, Succumbs to Injuries Received June 21

A coroner's jury investigating the accident which cost the life of Mrs. H. G. Ebbs, 69, of Mattenville, that no blame was attached to the driver of the car which struck the Ebbs machine at the intersection of Route 322 and the Buffalo Run Valley road, on Sunday, June 21.

Mrs. Ebbs died last Wednesday night at the Centre County Hospital, Bellefonte. She suffered rib injuries, fractures of several ribs, and fracture of the pelvic bone.

Testimony at the inquest conducted by Centre County Coroner Charles Sheekel, Friday night, at the Waddle school house, revealed that Mr. and Mrs. Ebbs, en route to Sunday school on the morning of the accident, drove slowly along the Buffalo Run Valley road and upon reaching the intersection with Route 322 the Ebbs car began to cross without halting at the stop sign.

A car driven by Charles E. Robertson, 28, of Houtsdale, traveling

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Observes 25th Anniversary of Rectorate Here

Msgr. Downes Came to Bellefonte Parish July 1, 1917
CHURCH PROPERTY GREATLY IMPROVED
Holds Many Positions of Honor in Diocese; Well Liked by Public

Yesterday Msgr. William E. Downes quietly observed the 25th anniversary of his arrival in Bellefonte as rector of St. John's Catholic church.

The day was marked with no fanfare or special service. In fact, not a great many of the rector's parishioners and friends knew of the anniversary.

Father Downes—his "Monsignor" now, but most of his parishioners still call him Father—came here on July 1, 1917, as successor to the late Father Patrick McArdie, who had been rector for 38 years. The fact that the local church has had only two rectors in the past 25 years is in itself a most unusual record and one that possibly cannot be equaled anywhere in Pennsylvania.

He came here from Bedford, and in the ensuing quarter of a century has carved for himself a prominent niche in the hearts of hundreds of Centre county Catholics and non-Catholics alike, through his many admirable traits.

As a public speaker he has few equals, for in addition to having the virtue of brevity, his talks always add some new thought to any occasion; as a patriotic speaker he is much in demand, for his loyalty to America and all that it stands for has been demonstrated time and again, and he is gifted with an unusual ability to put that loyalty into words.

Father Downes is a sportsman in every sense of the word. He is an ardent golf fan—plays every day winter and summer unless the weather absolutely prohibits such activity. He takes an active interest in all

Registration For Gas Cards Planned

Millheim Holding July 4 Celebration

Millheim will celebrate the Fourth of July with a "Millheim for Victory Jamboree" beginning Friday night and continuing through Saturday.

Special features of the program, in addition to the usual festival entertainment will be outdoor moving pictures, an amateur hour, athletic events and a pet parade.

Entries for the amateur hour, scheduled for Friday night, must be in by Thursday night. Drew Kolb and G. G. Neff are in charge of the events.

At 2 p. m. Saturday a program of hog calling, races and contests, has been arranged by S. W. Gramley. This series of events will be held at the baseball park.

The pet parade will get under way at 7 p. m. Saturday with prizes for all various classifications and for the best decorated bicycle. Entries for this event are in charge of Marvin I. Miller. The Spring Mills Band will lead the parade and present a concert on the carnival ground later.

Must Prove Need For Driving Over 150 Miles Per Month

CARD WILL PROVIDE FOR YEAR'S SUPPLY
"A" Cards Only To Be Issued Next Week at High Schools,

Registration for gasoline rationing cards for use during the year beginning July 22, will be held in all high schools in Centre county on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, July 9, 10 and 11. It was announced yesterday by Frederic G. Hoffer, secretary of the County Rationing Board.

School teachers and other volunteer workers will serve as registrars, and will be on duty from 1 to 9 p. m. daily.

Every person who will need gasoline during the coming year is required to register. Only "A" books, calling for 48 units of gasoline during the year, will be issued at the schools. Persons needing more will be required to apply to their rationing boards. "B" cards will be for motorists driving from 150 to 470 miles a month, and "C" cards will be issued to those driving more than 470 miles a month. The number of gallons to be allowed for each unit has not been fixed at this time, Mr. Hoffer said.

Man Dies After Falling On Axe

Robert Fye, 57, Howard, R. D., Bleeds to Death While Cutting Wood

Robert Fye, aged 57, of Howard, R. D., died in the woods near Curtin Monday morning a short time after he fell backwards on the razor-sharp blade of his double-bit axe. Death was attributed to loss of blood and shock.

Mr. Fye, well known woodsman, had gone to the woods alone about 8 a. m. to cut and pile up wood. He was found about 9 a. m. by William Lehman, of Curtin when Lehman went to the site to aid in cutting wood.

Lehman found Fye prone on the ground, with a 10-inch gash in his back and side. The man, conscious at that time, said he had slipped on a piece of bark and had fallen backwards on the axe.

Unable to move the man without assistance, Lehman ran into Curtin, a distance of about 2 miles, to summon an ambulance from Bellefonte.

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Pledge Tenth of Pay Checks

Employees of Three Industries Sign 100% in New War Bond Drive

During the weekend, a County Employees' staff officials received a strong letter of commendation of confidence from State Administrator Benjamin Ludlow, employees of three Centre County industries set the pace in the current "ten per cent" drive by pledging unanimously to devote at least ten percent of their total earnings to the purchase of war bonds and stamps.

The first industry to report employees 100 per cent in favor of the ten per cent allotment was the Cherry Run Coal Mining Company. Claude G. Akens, of State College, chairman of the County Defense Savings staff announced.

Next on the honor list is the Snow Shoe Knitting Company, Snow Shoe. The employees of the Universal Match Company, Bellefonte, voted Monday to buy bonds to at least ten per cent of their earnings.

The Cherry Run Company employs 103 persons, with superintendent A. A. Groe as management representative.

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Alpha July 4th Plans Announced

\$300 in Parade Prizes Offered; Contests, Concerts, Games Scheduled

State College will hold its annual Fourth of July celebration this Friday and Saturday with the Alpha Fire Company, sponsors of the event, working to make the affair the largest in the town's history. The celebration is the sole means used by the State College fire-fighters to finance their year's activities.

Highlight is expected to be the parade, starting at 6 p. m. Saturday evening, with more than \$300 offered in prizes. Thus far, 65 entries have been received in the competition for the 16 parade prizes.

The soapbox derby at 10 a. m. will start activities on the Fourth. This competition is open to boys 8 to 12 from State College, Lemont, Pine Grove Mills, and Boalsburg, with \$10, \$7.50, \$5 and \$2.50 offered in prizes.

At 10:30, Pine Grove Mills and Boalsburg will cross bats in a Triple Valley league game of the State Valley League.

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Zion Resident Dies Suddenly

Joel B. Stover, 57, Succumbs to Heart Attack; Was Prominent Citizen

A heart attack suffered while he was at work in a hay field near his home proved fatal to Joel B. Stover, of Zion, who died at 6:45 o'clock last Wednesday night, June 24, 1942.

Death occurred a short time after Edgar Lut, a neighbor with whom he had been working, had carried him into the barn.

Mr. Stover had not been well for a week or more before his death, although he had continued his work as usual. He was a well known resident of the Bellefonte area; played at various times in the Zion, the I. O. O. F., and the Milesburg bands; was president of the Zion Cemetery Association, and was a charter member of the Bellefonte I. O. O. F. lodge.

Mr. Stover was a member of the Zion Lutheran church, sang for years in the church choir, and was a member of the Bellefonte Masonic lodge as well as of other branches of that order.

He was well known throughout Nittany Valley, having farmed the land on which he died for many

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Recall Import of Old Furnace

Speaker Claims No Present Men or Industries Enjoy Equal Prominence

The 150th anniversary of the blowing in of Centre Furnace, just east of State College, was marked with appropriate ceremonies held by the Centre County Historical Society on the furnace site, Saturday afternoon.

Former Judge James C. Purst, president of the society, was in charge of the program.

Edward L. Willard, of State College, speaking on "Personalities and Business History of Centre Furnace" declared that Centre County has today no group of men or no industry of the same relative importance as were the furnaces and the men who ran them a century and more ago.

"We can only point with pride to

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Defense Contributions Now Total \$826.22

The Bellefonte Civilian Defense fund of \$1500 being solicited by Borough Council now totals \$826.22, according to a report yesterday by Borough Treasurer Philip Saylor.

Contributions during the week were \$145 and were as follows:

Ellen G. Gray	\$ 2.50
Odd Fellows Club	10.00
Zeta Lodge 268, F. & A. M.	10.00
P. W. Harlock	5.00
Loyal Order of Moose	100.00
Centre Democrat	5.00
S. M. Nisley	2.50
N. E. Robb	5.00
Total	\$145.00
Previously reported	681.22
Total to date	\$826.22

Claim Pvt. Larimer AWOL From Army

180 to be Called For Army Service

Pvt. Richard Larimer, 18, of East Howard street, Bellefonte, was taken into custody here last Thursday by State Police at Rockview sub-station on charges of being absent without leave from the U. S. Army.

Larimer was lodged in the Centre county jail until Sunday when officers from Carlisle barracks arrived here to take him back to camp.

For some weeks Larimer has been in Bellefonte, telling relatives and friends that he was here on special duty for the Army. Reports from official contacts are that he was not on special assignment.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO FIELD ARMY NOW TOTAL \$45

Contributions received by the Bellefonte Woman's Club, for the Women's Field Army for the Central of Cancer, total \$45 to date, it was reported yesterday.

Contributors are as follows: Loyal Order of Moose, \$10; American Legion Auxiliary, Catholic Daughters of America, Rebekah Lodge, Centre County Hospital Nurses' Alumni Association, Women of the Moose, American Legion and Bellefonte Women's Club, each \$5.

USO Fund Now Totals \$1,525.00

Officials Confident That District Goal of \$2500 Will Be Reached

With most of the areas yet to be heard from the United Service Organizations Campaign for the Bellefonte district is well on its way toward reaching its goal of \$2500. Reports received yesterday of the money which has actually been deposited showed that \$1,525.52 has been collected in the district.

E. L. Plumb, of Bellefonte, chairman of the campaign for the district expressed confidence that the goal will be reached. Most of the solicitors in the various towns are expected to complete their reports by the end of this week.

One of the towns which has completed its work is Clarence, where Boy Scouts, under the leadership of Rev. J. W. Palfy, have made a house-to-house canvass. Rev. Palfy has turned over \$154.67 to the fund.

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Rockview Staff To Aid In USO Drive

At a meeting of the Rockview staff with Judge Ivan Walker, Friday morning, the prison staff voted to support the current USO drive as a unit. Henceforth all officers will make their contributions to committees selected by the staff.

The members of the staff and the guards live in all parts of Centre county. Each community has heretofore listed these men and their families as part of the community and has solicited funds at their place of residence at the same time the solicitor designated by Rockview pressed his claims. The result was a duplication of effort. The institution is not interested in which community or agency shall get credit for the funds collected. It is interested in getting every man on the dotted line as quickly as possible. If any of our officers does not contribute in your community, don't mark him down as a "piker." He has contributed at the place of his employment.

Library Closed July 4th
The Centre County Library will be closed all day July 4th. Although no books have been issued to fall due on that date, patrons wishing to return books during the weekend may do so by placing them in the wooden box on the porch of the library building; it was stated.

Pair Sentenced In Theft of Car

Philadelphia Plead Guilty; One Sent to Prison, Other to State School

Mariano Mazzeo, 20, and John Curran, 17, Philadelphia youths captured June 3, near Reedsville after a thrill-packed chase in a car stolen at State College, entered pleas of guilty when arraigned before Judge Ivan Walker at a special session of Court here Tuesday morning.

Mazzeo, who recited a long statement to the court, was sentenced to serve 2 to 4 years in the Western Penitentiary at Pittsburgh, while Curran was sent to the State Industrial School at Camp Hill for an indeterminate period.

In his statement, which apparently had been carefully prepared and memorized, Mazzeo, in a trembling voice told the court that because he is an enemy alien he was unable to obtain work in Philadelphia, and

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Plane Crashes at State College Airport

Less than 24 hours after a giant Army Flying Fortress crashed into farm buildings near the Bellefonte Airport, a Buffalo, N. Y., pilot and a young woman passenger had a narrow escape when their plane hit a fence at the State College Air Depot.

The plane, a Stinson craft piloted by Robert Stanley, cracked up about 8 p. m. Saturday while taking off over a fence at the eastern end of the field near Boalsburg.

Neither Stanley nor his passenger, whose name could not be learned, were injured, but the landing gear of the plane was damaged, the propeller and a wing tip broken, and the stabilizer damaged.

The plane was dismantled and taken back to Buffalo by truck.

Fishermen's Picnic At Deibler Preserve

O. M. Deibler announced this week that the 3rd annual Fishermen's Picnic will be held next Wednesday, July 8, on Mr. Deibler's property on Spring Creek, next to the Paradise.

This picnic is open to all boys under 13 years of age together with any of their fathers who can accompany them. There will be a number of expert fishermen on hand to teach the boys the art of fly-casting and fishing. A free lunch will be served at noon with the picnic beginning at 9 o'clock.

Match Plant to Close From July 6 to 13

The plant of the Universal Match Company, Bellefonte, will be closed from July 6 to July 13, for the double purpose of giving all employees a week's vacation and to give repairmen an opportunity for an annual check-up of all machinery and equipment in the plant. It was announced yesterday by Calvin Troup, general superintendent.

The plant will resume operations Monday, July 13, Mr. Troup said.

STATUTE COLLEGE GIRL ARRIVES IN AUSTRALIA

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Lomberger, of East Hamilton Avenue, State College, have received a cablegram from their daughter, Hilda, that she landed recently with a hospital unit at an Australian port.

Miss Lomberger, a registered nurse, formerly a member of the Methodist Memorial Hospital staff in Houston, Texas, enlisted a year ago and has been stationed at the Camp Wallace, Texas, Hospital.

Stores Close Saturday

Bellefonte stores will be open Friday evening and will be closed all day Saturday, July 4. It was announced yesterday by Postmaster Geo. R. Meek announced that the regular Saturday services will be maintained by the postoffice Saturday, with the single exception that there will be no rural deliveries.

MUST APPLY FOR SUGAR
Institutional and industrial users are reminded that July 6 is the deadline for applying for their July and August allotment of sugar. Applications are being received at Rationing Board Offices.

FOR VICTORY: Buy Bonds.