

Woman Dies After Being Hit by Car

Mother of Member of Penn State Graduating Class is Victim of Accident on College Campus

The mother of a member of the graduating class at Penn State College was fatally injured, and the student's father and aunt were seriously hurt last Thursday night when they were struck by a car while walking down over the campus after attending commencement exercises at State College.

MAN INJURED BY EXPLODING STOVE

Frozen Pipes Believed Cause of Blast in Craig Grassmire Home

Craig Grassmire, aged 73, of West Bishop street, Bellefonte, suffered painful burns about the head and face and bruises about the chest and abdomen shortly after noon, Sunday, when the kitchen range in his home exploded and he was showered with steam, hot ashes, and bits of metal from the shattered stove.

Attendees at the Centre County Hospital where he is undergoing treatment report that his condition is satisfactory.

Mr. and Mrs. Grassmire had just returned home from a several days' visit with relatives in Pittsburgh and Mr. Grassmire had started a fire in the range when the blast took place. Later investigation revealed that while the family had been away, water in the heating coils in the range and in pipes leading to it had frozen and when the fire was built, the steam generated burst the pipes.

The injured man was taken immediately to the hospital where his injuries are not believed to be of a serious nature. The range was shattered into bits by the blast.

OUTDOOR LIGHTS ARE PERMITTED

Defense Council Lists Rules Governing Christmas Lighting

Centre County Civilian Defense officials during the weekend announced that outdoor Christmas decorative lighting would be permitted this year as usual, providing such lights can be extinguished at any time immediately upon notice. Earlier, it had been announced that outdoor lighting would not be permitted because of blackout regulations.

Ferguson Pupils Sell \$650 in Stamps

Ferguson township school children contributed more than \$650 in U. S. war stamps and bonds during a drive which began on Pearl Harbor Day and continued until the end of that week. An average of \$1.75 per pupil was collected.

A picture of Hitler, tacked on a wall of the school building was completely blocked out by stamps. In connection with the school's drive, about 20 tons of scrap were collected, and money from the sale of it will be used for the school library and other work not included in school taxes.

School pupils were shown a free movie and were served ice cream paid for from scrap money.

Home For Holidays After taking part in the "Little Christmas" activities at Hood College, Frederick, Md., which included Christmas wavers, caroling, communion, parties for orphan children, and a formal dinner, Miss Lois R. Shook, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Shook of Spring Mills, returned home last Thursday for the Christmas holidays.

Food Stores Open Bellefonte food stores will remain open all day Wednesday, December 23, and Wednesday and Thursday evenings of this week.

LIME COMPANY SUFFERS HEAVY LOSS FROM FIRE

Blaze Sweeps Through American Lime Garage; Trucks Saved

OFFICIAL PRAISES WORK OF FIREMEN Other Buildings Threatened; Loss Estimated \$5,000 to \$10,000

Damage estimated at somewhere between \$5,000 and \$10,000 resulted last Thursday night when fire swept through the garage at the American Lime and Stone Company plant just west of Bellefonte.

The blaze, believed to have been caused by a defective flue, was discovered about 8:30 p. m. during a heavy snowstorm, and when the alarm was sounded the entire sky across the town was glowing a bright red. Hundreds of spectators going to the scene caused heavy traffic on Thomas street but fire police kept traffic moving freely.

The garage is located in the center of a three-unit brick building at the eastern end of the plant. On one end of the structure is a machine shop, and on the other end, a warehouse. Between the garage and warehouse sections a brick fire wall built some years ago effectively blocked the flames from spreading in that direction, but flames broke through the partition between the garage and machine shop, causing damage to a ten-foot section of roof over the main office building, and a lineshaft, motor, and some other small equipment.

Frederick Warner, general superintendent of the plant, reported this week that none of the damage was of a nature which would cripple production at the plant. He declared that the work of the Undine and Logan firemen was particularly effective in checking the spread of the flames and in preventing their spread to other buildings in the area.

Upon discovery of the fire all company trucks and cars were removed from the garage. Several old truck tires, office supplies, awnings and screens for the main office building, and wooden barrels stored in the left over the garage were destroyed. Some tires were saved.

Firemen used water from three hydrants in the area. (Continued on Page Four)

ASSESSOR SYSTEM MAY BE CHANGED

Council Turns Down Proposal That Boro Feed the Ducks

Bellefonte's tax assessment problem could be solved by a legal procedure going along with an assessor for each of the three wards and setting up a one-man assessor system, it was revealed in a letter from Borough Solicitor M. Ward Fleming at a regular meeting of Council, Monday night.

Thrift Corporation Declares Dividends

On December 16, the board of directors of Thrift Investment Corporation of Pittsburgh, declared the 27th consecutive quarterly dividend of fifteen cents per share on the 5% Cumulative Preferred Stock, payable December 31, 1942, on stock of record as of December 1, 1942.

A dividend of fifteen cents per share also was declared on the Class A Common Stock, payable January 1, 1943 on stock of record as of December 1, 1942.

The Class A Common Stock was originally issued on August 15, 1942.

Dr. Herbert R. Glenn of State College, a lieutenant in the U. S. Marines on Guadalcanal in the Solomon Islands, has been raised to the rank of lieutenant commander, according to word received by his wife in a letter in which Commander Glenn reported that he was well.

Sincere Wishes for a Very Merry Christmas TO ONE AND ALL

It's been a year of changes... but nothing can destroy the excitement-filled, joyous spirit of Christmas. A fervent desire for joy and peace on Christmas Day still dominates our lives.

The doctrine of "Peace on earth, good will toward men" lives on in America, as it always will. Christmas is always a time of memories... and a time to live them. Despite war and strife and absent loved ones, this is going to be made a Merry Christmas.

The family gathers about the festive tables and heads bow reverently in silent prayer and thanks. Children's laughter... the scent of holly and pine... the re-telling of stories as old as Christmas itself... all these make Christmas—and more!

And don't fail to visit the church of your faith on Christmas Day. Especially now, when Christmas and all it stands for means so very much more, re-pledge your faith in the brotherhood of man by attending divine service. There in simple words and cheering song you will find the true Yuletide spirit. In the kindly greetings of your neighbors and friends you will find a more sincere Merry Christmas than any of you have enjoyed in many years.

Again we extend to all our patrons and friends every good wish for a joyous Christmas. May your home be blessed with every good fortune and your most profound hopes realized, in the New Year we look for Victory.

MURPHY CLERKS BUY AMBULANCE

Local Girls Among 10,000 Who Contributed to Fund to Aid War Effort

Because 10,000 girl employees of the 207 G. C. Murphy Company "five and ten cent" stores in 12 eastern states and the District of Columbia wanted to show their determination to do their bit to win the war, the American Red Cross today will receive an expensive Christmas present in the form of eleven mobile field units for use of the Red Cross in ten cities where they are needed most.

In four weeks' time the girls acting entirely on their own initiative, raised \$21,000 in voluntary contributions. The Bellefonte store employees participated wholeheartedly under the leadership of Miss Florence Prohm, daughter of W. Clarence Prohm, of North Spring street, as chairman.

The idea was born in November at a meeting of a Murphy company girls' committee in McKeesport. One committee member suggested that a fund be collected to buy an ambulance for the Red Cross. The girls went to work, and pledges piled up so fast that the committee found it had enough nickels, dimes, quarters and dollars for not one, but eleven, mobile units.

As a result, Santa Claus will deliver to the Red Cross the following vehicles: 2 disaster units, 3 ambulances, 3 canteen units, a service truck, a station wagon and a blood donor unit.

County Grows Can Boost Income

Farmers Urged to Join Retailers in Group Marketing

Centre county's 1,997 farm operators can increase their cash income as much as \$50,000 a year on fruits, nuts and vegetables alone by working with retailers in developing group marketing programs, it was estimated this week by a leading distributor of Pennsylvania crops.

Rev. G. A. F. Griesing To Leave Aaronsburg

Last Friday evening at the reformed parsonage in Aaronsburg the church council received and acted upon the resignation of Rev. G. A. Frederick Griesing as minister of the Evangelical and Reformed Aaronsburg church.

McKinley Wallpaper Store to Continue

The McKinley wallpaper store on West High street, conducted for many years by the late A. L. McKinley, is to be continued as the McKinley Brothers' Store, with the founders' son, A. Linn McKinley, Jr., and Samuel McKinley, as owners.

Ration Board Office to Close This Weekend

The Bellefonte office of the War Price and Rationing Board, on West High street, will be open Thursday, December 24.

TITAN GRANTS CASH BONUS TO ALL EMPLOYEES

Amount Based on 5 Per Cent of Earnings During Past 11 Months

PAYMENTS RANGE FROM \$219 TO \$230 Employees Now in Armed Forces to Receive Check for \$100

In Monday's issue of the Titan News, publication of the Titan Metal Company, announcement was made of the payment of a 5 per cent cash bonus to employees, based on their earnings for the first eleven months of 1942.

This is the fourth consecutive year that Titan has paid an employees' bonus and the amount involved was approximately \$100,000, as compared with \$18,000 in 1939; \$38,000 in 1940, and \$64,000 in 1941. The 5 per cent distribution represents nearly 2 1/2 weeks' additional pay for all Titan workers.

The highest amount to be received by any employee was \$219.59 and the smallest amount paid was 23 cents, it was reported.

Checks for \$100 each will be mailed to each of the Titan employees who are serving in the armed forces of the United States; the management announced. There are between 90 and 100 men in this group.

In commenting upon the bonus the Titan News says: "This bonus is the direct result of plant efficiency during most of 1942 and was made possible by the co-operation of the large majority of Titan employees. A bonus must always be distinguished from an increase in wages. An increase in wages increases manufacturing costs. These costs must be passed on to the consumer or absorbed in the business.

"Today we are faced with increasing taxes, mounting operating risks, and uncertainty as to business volume making it imperative that our costs be under control. We will be faced with world competition after the war is won. American methods and machine tools are being introduced in countries throughout the world. Low labor costs in all foreign countries make it mandatory that we here in the United States maintain a high degree of efficiency.

"As we entered 1942 we could not fortell what the future would hold. Today we know and are in position to pay a bonus to all. For this we are glad. Free enterprise and individual initiative have proven themselves again.

"A year ago we paid a bonus in War Bonds. You became acquainted with this means of government finance. Today you are contributing to the war effort by saving ten per cent of your earnings in bonds. This year we are paying in cash. May we suggest that you earmark this check for payment of income taxes on March 15th?"

New Bus Service In Snow Shoe Area

Will Facilitate Travel Between Mining Towns and Philipsburg

A new bus service, scheduled to be put in operation Wednesday of this week, will add decided advantages to residents of Snow Shoe and vicinity by linking them more closely with Philipsburg. The communities benefitting by the new schedules are Philipsburg, Snow Shoe, Clarence, Drifting, Moshannon, Lane, Grassflat, Winburn, Munson and other areas in the lower end of the valley.

Lt. Milton W. Etters Gets New Assignment

Second Lieutenant Milton W. Etters, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel W. Etters, of State College, has been assigned to duty as Assistant Adjutant of the Base Headquarters Squadron, the Public Relations Office at Napier Field, Dothan, Ala., announced today.

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Lt. Etters, a graduate of the Snow Shoe High School, received his B. A. degree at Pennsylvania State College in 1932. He was employed as County Supervisor, Pennsylvania Department of Public Assistance, until he enlisted in the Army Air Forces June 17, 1942. He was graduated from the Air Forces Officer Candidate School at Miami Beach, Florida, December 9, 1942, and commissioned a second lieutenant. Lt. Etters is married to the former Miss Roxie Barto of Warriors Mark. They are residing temporarily at 400 North Oates street, Dothan, Alabama.

Bellefonte Man in Big Naval Battle

A. E. N. Parker Describes Fight Off Guadalcanal as "Barroom Brawl;" Burning Destroyer Blasts Jap Ship in Night Attack



Lt. E. N. Parker

Commander Edward N. Parker, of Bellefonte, commanding officer of a destroyer which participated in the November 13 naval battle off Guadalcanal, broadcast his account of that battle from Pearl Harbor, Honolulu, Friday night. The broadcast was heard by a number of Bellefonte citizens.

Commander Parker released his story to the United Press at Pearl Harbor at the same time, and UP writer, Frank Tremaine, wrote the following account which appeared in Saturday's newspapers, including the Philadelphia Inquirer: (Note: Parker's home is in Lexington, Ky., but in Naval dispatches his address has been given as Bellefonte. He is married to the former Elizabeth Hunter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Hunter, of East Cur-

street, and was a frequent visitor to Bellefonte before the war. Since

then he has been busy elsewhere, as the account below reveals. Mrs. Parker is now in San Francisco, having gone to that city some weeks ago to join her husband when he was there for a leave of absence.)

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SERVICE PLANNED ON CHRISTMAS EVE

Candlelight Service at Lutheran Church Will Begin at 11 p. m.

The impressive Candlelight Christmas Vigil service will be held in St. John's Lutheran church, Bellefonte, the Rev. Clarence E. Arnold, pastor, on Christmas Eve. The service will begin promptly at 11 o'clock with the professional hymn and will close at midnight. An organ recital by Miss Mary E. Sloop will precede at 10:45 o'clock.

The program is as follows: Organ Recital—"Come, Come, Emmanuel," "Krekel," "Magnificat," "Krekel," "Away in a Manger," Lutheran—Miss Mary E. Sloop, organist. Processional Hymn—"As With Gladness Men of Old," Kocher. The Introit—"The Gloria Patri. The Kyrie—"The Gloria in Excelsis—"The Collect.

Scripture Reading—"The Birth of Our Saviour"—Luke 2: 1-20. Christmas Carols—"O Come, All Ye Faithful," "God Rest You, Merry Gentlemen," "Old Provincial Noel," "Jeanette Isabella"—The Titan Male Chorus. Scripture Reading—"God Come to Earth"—John 1: 1-14. Anthem, "Come And Worship," Heyser—The Choir.

THE OFFERTORY Offertory—"Jesu Bambino," Yon-Miss Mary E. Sloop, organist. Anthem, "Silent Night," Gruber—The Choir. Scripture Reading—"They Worship the Saviour"—Matthew 2: 1-14. Hymn—"O Little Town of Bethlehem," Redner. Your Sons and Husbands Send "Thanks"—The Pastor. The Sermon, "Come With Us"—Pastor Arnold.

THE CHRISTMAS PRAYER THE BENEDICTION Recessional Hymn—"Joy To the World," Handel. Organ Postlude—"And the Glory of the Lord," Handel—Miss Mary Sloop, organist.

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