

500 Air Pilots To Be Trained Here

Groups of One-Hundred to Receive One Month of Flight Training at Bellefonte Airport; Eighteen Training Planes to be Provided.

Five hundred embryo pilots are to receive flight instruction at the Bellefonte airport during a five-month period beginning in April...

DEATH CLAIMS JOHN WETZLER OF MILESBERG

Former County Register Dies Sunday After Five-Year Illness

WAS ACTIVE IN CHURCH, CIVIC WORK

Funeral Yesterday For Prominent Centre County Man; Was Aged 69

John L. Wetzler, member of a prominent Milesburg family and for two terms Centre County Register of Wills, died at his home...

Four Brothers In Army; Fifth Enters Friday; Sixth is Ready



SAMUEL CONFER, 33 In Pomona, California.



JOSEPH CONFER, 27 Serves In Air Corps.



ALBERT CONFER, 24 In Naval Training School.



JAMES CONFER, 20 Now In England.



EARL CONFER, 17 He'll Be 18 in April.



CLAUDE CONFER, 19 Leaves tomorrow for Final Examinations at Altoona. Married several weeks ago.

The deceased was a member of the Milesburg Baptist church and was a deacon of the church for many years...

Mr. Wetzler had suffered from a heart condition for the past five years. About four weeks ago his condition grew worse...

Mr. Wetzler was elected Register of Wills in 1931 and served in that office from 1932 to 1936...

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DRAFT BOARDS READY TO CALL MARRIED MEN

Centre County Reaches End of Available Single Men

MARRIED MEN WITH CHILDREN RE-RATED

Call For Family Men Seen Soon, Board Officials Indicate

Centre county's two Local Draft Boards are scrubbing the bottom of the barrel of single men available for service in the armed forces...

Unless the April demands upon Local Draft Board No. 2 of Bellefonte are exceptionally light, most of the men taken will be married men without children...

The supply of all non-deferred single men is expected to be exhausted in the April call and even if the quota is as low as 100, at least half that number would have to be childless married men...

The supply of childless married men is extremely limited, for in all there are only 296 in this category in the Board No. 2 area...

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Held In Plot To Sell 'S' Gas Books

Indictments Returned Against Four Centre County Men In Federal Court at Scranton; Alleged Plan Hatched in Barroom at Altoona.

A plot to bootleg gasoline rationing coupons which the government charges was hatched in an Altoona barroom resulted Tuesday in the indictment in Federal Court at Scranton of three persons on charges of conspiracy to violate OPA regulations...

Indicted for conspiracy were Nelson Harry Wise and Carl Morrison Boesler, 2810 West Walnut avenue, Altoona, and Harry Edgar Bathurst, Bellefonte, gasoline station proprietor. Boesler and Bathurst also were indicted for unlawful possession of coupons...

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HENRY LOWRY, 94 IS BURIED HERE

Former Local Contractor Died Friday at Home in McKeesport

Henry Lowry, 94, former well known Bellefonte contractor and builder, died at his home in McKeesport on Friday, March 5, 1943...

The remains were brought to Bellefonte and funeral services were held Monday afternoon at the Widows Home with the Rev. C. C. Shuey, assisted by Rev. Harry C. Stenger, Jr., officiating. Interment was made in the Union cemetery, Bellefonte.

During his long life as a building contractor in Bellefonte, Mr. Lowry built a number of homes and other buildings in Bellefonte and vicinity. He was in charge of the construction of several large fraternities at State College...

After moving to McKeesport in 1917, Mr. Lowry engaged for some years in his profession but in later years had lived retired. His last sizable contract in McKeesport was the construction of a home for his son, Malcolm.

Mr. Lowry was a son of Christian and Anna Kuder Lowry and was born at Rock Forge on the former Lowry farm adjoining the Rockview penitentiary peach orchard, on August 20, 1849. During most of his life he resided in Bellefonte in the house on East Bishop street which he built as a young man.

Surviving are his wife, the former Harriet Saxton, sister of Mrs. J. M. (Continued on Page Four)

PLAN FOR APRIL BOND CAMPAIGN

War Savings Staff And Victory Fund Committee Unite For Drive

The Centre County War Bond campaign entered a new phase here Monday when the War Savings Staff, which up to this time has specialized in the sale of 'F' Bonds, and the Victory Fund Committee, specializing in the sale of bonds of larger denominations, were joined in a new group to be known as the U. S. Treasury War Financing Committee of Centre county.

Claude G. Aikens, of State College, chairman of the War Savings Staff, and W. C. Brown, of Bellefonte, chairman of the Victory Fund Committee, will serve as co-chairmen of the new War Financing Committee of Centre county.

The organization was effected at a meeting of the two committees and a number of guests, Monday, at the Hotel. The purpose of the new organization will be to further the sale of War Bonds on a scale heretofore unknown in this county.

Principal speakers at the meeting Monday were Alfred H. Williams, president of the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia, and chairman of the U. S. Treasury War Financing Committee in the Third Federal Reserve District, which includes 60 counties in Pennsylvania, Delaware and New Jersey; C. A. Sienkiewicz, vice-president of the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia; W. Eldred, (Continued on page Two)

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Marine Sergeant Gets Contributed Knife

Samuel B. Barnhart of near Bellefonte, employe of the Bellefonte postoffice, who some time ago turned in a hunting knife for the use of the U. S. Armed Forces, has received a letter from the knife's new 'owner,' a Sergeant in the Marines at Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, California.

The Marine Sergeant wrote Mr. Barnhart as follows: "This is to acknowledge, with deep thanks, receipt of the very fine knife you so generously donated. It is precisely the type I had intended to secure for myself and I treasure it highly. Each time it finds its mark and does its work, half the satisfaction should be yours."

The knife, one which Mr. Barnhart purchased some time ago but seldom used, was equipped with a sheath on which his name was written. He took it to the local knife collection depot at the Samuel Poorman garage, South Water street, from which point it was sent on its way to where it would do the most good.

Charles Jodon Named Head of Local Lodge

Charles Jodon was elected chief patriarch of Bellefonte Encampment No. 72, I. O. O. F., at a meeting held in the lodge rooms Monday night. He succeeds Clyde M. Stewart, who was elected high priest.

Other officers chosen were: Leonard Wilmer, senior warden; Harold Yeagell, junior warden; Thomas Bowe, of Howard, recording scribe; Harry C. Strick, trustee.

The officers will be installed on Tuesday night, March 23, by Acting Deputy Grand Chief Patriarch Willis Wilson and his staff of officers. Following the election of officers, Rev. W. O. Brooks, who recently returned to the United States after serving as a missionary in Palestine, spoke most interestingly of conditions there and in Arabia. The evening's program concluded with a social hour during which refreshments were served.

THE LATE JOHN L. WETZLER

Lewis A. Wetzler and Mrs. Hubert Rosman, both of Bellefonte; Isabella, at home, and Dean K. Wetzler, of Milesburg. Also surviving are eight grandchildren.

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Four More If Uncle Sam Needs Them!

Four sons in the armed forces. Another to enter tomorrow. Three others under 38 eligible to army service, and, in a pinch, two others in the 38-to-45-year group subject to call.

Ten sons. Half of them serving their nation and the other half ready to go. That's the record today of Mrs. John Confer, of East Logan Street, Bellefonte, the first Centre County mother to have more than four sons in service.

In the service now are Samuel, 33; James, 30; Joseph, 27; and Albert, 24. Claude, 19, is to accompany a group of Selectees from Local Draft Board No. 2, Bellefonte, to Altoona tomorrow for final physical examination.

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Dr. W. J. Schwartz Called Into Service

Dr. William J. Schwartz, Bellefonte physician, who was scheduled to enter the army some weeks ago but who was deferred temporarily, received word Saturday to report to Carlisle barracks Sunday, to enter army service.

From Carlisle Dr. Schwartz will be sent to Camp Grant, Ill., where he will be commissioned as a first lieutenant. He is the fourth Bellefonte physician to enter the Army Medical Corps.

Dr. Schwartz's deferment was granted to give government officials an opportunity to survey the medical situation in the county, to determine whether taking him into the service would create a too severe shortage of physicians for the civilian population. It is understood, unofficially, that no other local physicians will be taken from this area at least for the time being.

Motor Damaged In Titan Metal Fire

Fire believed to have been caused by a short circuit, damaged a motor and framework about it at the Titan Metal Company plant about 2 o'clock Monday morning.

Water from a booster tank on one of the trucks was used to extinguish flames which were confined to the motor and pit in which it was located.

The plant fire company had gone into action before Bellefonte firemen arrived. The fire was accompanied by large amounts of heavy, acrid smoke.

Officials of the plant said damage to the motor could be repaired with little delay.

The call to the Titan plant was the second Bellefonte firemen received within four hours. At 10 o'clock Sunday night they were called to the Jack Taylor home on East Howard street, because of a flue fire. No damage resulted.

Need Furniture For Gap Control Center

The Pleasant Gap Defense Council will hold its regular meeting in the grade school building at 7:30 p. m. Tuesday, March 16. In an effort to furnish the control center which has been set up there, the Defense Council is asking for a desk or table which can be used as a desk, some chairs and a coat tree, and any other office equipment which would add to the comfort and convenience of the volunteers who work there.

This equipment could be returned to the owners when it is no longer used for defense purposes. Anyone wishing to contribute any of the above articles may notify Elmer Noll, president; Frank Irvin, commandant of the control center, or Jean Harris, secretary.

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Military Nurse

Second Lieutenant Lois O. Hayes, ANG, (above), formerly of Snow Shoe, is one of the country's enlisted war nurses. Miss Hayes, a graduate from Shady-side Hospital, Pittsburgh, enlisted in the service June 1st, 1942. She was sent to Fort Belvoir, Va., and July 27th transferred to the 27th General Hospital, Fort Lewis, Washington.

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SCOUTS GET NEW CAMP FACILITIES

Two Overnight Sites Established; 100 Scouts to Camp This Summer

Courses of study for Scouters, the selection of overnight camping sites and the proposal to send at least 100 boys to the Seven Mountain camp this summer were among the items discussed at a monthly meeting of committee members of the Muncy District of Boy Scouts held at the Wolf Furniture store in Bellefonte Tuesday night.

Reports from members of the Muncy committee, members of troop committees and others were heard. Clyde M. Stewart, chairman of the district, presided.

According to present plans all Scouts from the district will go to the Scout reserve in the Seven Mountains at the same time. Although no definite date has been set it is believed the camping period will begin July 18.

Devey Sorenson of Pleasant Gap, chairman of the camping and activities committee, reported that good overnight camping sites have been found on the Earl Musser farm, east of Bellefonte, and near the state (Continued on Page Three)

More Than Ten Tons of Tin Collected

In tin collections held in the county last week a total of slightly more than 10 tons of that important war material were received. It was reported yesterday by Karl E. Kusse, chairman of tin salvage for the county.

Scrap tin weighing a total of 20-175 pounds was received and placed in storage at the Gamble Mill property on West Lamb street.

Last week's collections for individual towns were: Bellefonte, 7,900 pounds; Pleasant Gap, 1,500 pounds; Boalsburg, 435 pounds; and State College, 10,750 pounds.

The drive in Pleasant Gap is scheduled to be held today, and when scrap being collected this week in Port Matilda, Unionville, Howard, Snow Shoe, Centre Hall, Millheim, and other towns is brought to the mill here it is expected there will be enough to make up a minimum shipment of 35,000 pounds—the amount required to load a railroad car.

Victory Garden Views Presented at Meeting

Presentation of pictures showing views of Victory Gardens, what to plant, when to plant and how to store garden produce during the fall and winter featured a meeting of the Milesburg Woman's Club at the Milesburg school house Monday night.

The meeting was in charge of Mrs. Lewis G. Peters, club president. The Victory Garden program was in charge of County Agent R. C. Blaney, and a Mr. Stout, of Penn State College, presented the slides.

The knitting committee reported that there is a shortage of sweaters and other apparel for those in the armed forces and urged as many women as possible to knit for the Red Cross. Mrs. Leamer Woodring, chairman of the Milesburg War Fund Drive, and Miss Ella Wagner, Boggs township chairman, asked members to give liberally to the fund.

Mothers' Club Aids Baby Clinic Work

Some financial needs of the Bellefonte Baby Clinic were underwritten by the Bellefonte Mothers' Club at a regular meeting held Monday night at the home of Mrs. Hays W. Maltern, Jr., on East Linn street.

Other features of the meeting included an interesting address on the operation of the Muncy Institution for Women, given by Mrs. Wallace J. Ward, of Bellefonte, who is a director of the institution. Mrs. Ward also outlined some of the types of cases which are handled at Muncy.

Discussions on rationing, food values and food substitutes were other highlights of the meeting. Mrs. Charles Martin, club president, reported that the Amish people have no rationing problem, since their communities are self-sufficient. All their needs are "home grown," according to a brief article on the subject presented by Mrs. Martin.

Defense Director



Mr. Bunnell, of State College, director of Civilian Defense Training in Centre county this week reported that 74 per cent of those enrolled in Defense Training classes have passed their basic training. Mr. Bunnell's complete report will be found on page 3 of the second section.

Logan Fire Company Revises Age Limits

The by-laws of the Logan Fire Company, Bellefonte, have been revised to open membership to men 18 years of age and over; it was announced this week by Charles Schaeffer, president of the company.

Before the change, only persons 21 years of age and over were eligible to membership. Residents of Bellefonte and of outlying sections supplied by water from the Bellefonte system or those residing within a mile of the borough, may become members of the Logan Company.