

Air Corp. Flight Training to Begin at Airport Monday

PORTAGE YOUTHS ARRESTED HERE

Trio Fined For Violations of State Game Laws

Three Portage youths who came to the wilds of Centre county on what had the appearance of a hunting expedition, landed in difficulties and yesterday were in the county jail awaiting the arrival of money from home to pay their fines on an assortment of charges.

The three were Thomas E. Halloran, 19; Joseph J. Ronan, 18, and Franklin A. Reuse, Jr., 18. They were arrested Tuesday in the game preserve on Rockview lands by members of the State Police at Rockview sub-station.

All three youths were charged with illegal possession of game. Reuse and Ronan also were charged with possession of firearms in a State Game Propagation area.

In addition, Ronan was charged with having a loaded gun in his car. At a hearing before Justice of the Peace A. R. Houser, at Rockview, yesterday morning the youths pleaded guilty to the charges. Ronan was fined \$60 and costs; Reuse, \$35 and costs, and Halloran, \$10 and costs.

At the jail yesterday the boys faced the prospect that if the fines and costs were not paid they would be required to spend one day in jail for each dollar charged against them.

County Participates In Surprise Blackout

Centre county air raid wardens and other civilian defense workers were found on their toes last Wednesday night in a blackout which came as a complete surprise. Civilian Defense officials reported.

In no previous blackout was the element of surprise so great, for on earlier occasions news of the coming blackout always has leaked out to a small group, at least. Last Wednesday apparently no one knew beforehand of the statewide feat.

The yellow signal was received at 8:31; the blue at 8:37; the red at 9:07; the second blue at 9:20; and the all-clear at 9:30.

Officials said that citizens are not as familiar as they should be with the signal system and rules, and that lack was the cause of most violations reported Wednesday night.

No incidents were carried out during the blackout, which occurred while the moon furnished ample light for possible air raids.

Democratic Women To Hold Supper Here

The Women's Democratic Club of Centre county will hold a Jefferson Day covered dish supper in the Odd Fellows Hall, Bellefonte, Wednesday evening, April 28, beginning at 7 o'clock.

A guest speaker from the National Democratic Committee will be present, and music and entertainment will be in charge of Miss Mildred Hockman, of Bellefonte.

All Centre county Democrats and their friends are cordially invited to be present. Table service will be furnished and there will be a cover charge of 50 cents. Those who attend are requested to bring a covered dish.

Pine Hall Home Is Damaged By Fire

A house owned by John Spotts, of Pine Hall, was badly damaged by fire about 5:30 o'clock Friday afternoon when gray kett on a stove ignited while occupants of the house were absent.

The blaze spread through the kitchen, dining room, and a second floor bedroom before members of the Alpha Fire Company, State College, got the flames under control with a booster line. Damage was quite heavy, according to reports.

BELLEVILLE RAT POPULATION REPORTED TO BE INCREASING

Whether you've discovered it for yourself or not, the fact remains that Belleville is suffering from an epidemic of rats.

Proud as we are of Belleville and the people and things it produces, we definitely are not proud of our rats. They're just as evil-looking, just as destructive, just as filthy as any rats to be found anywhere.

For some time reports have been growing about town that families which never before have been bothered by rats, have been discovering them in their homes. In the northern end of town, particularly, but also throughout the remainder of the borough, plain-speaking citizens, upon comparing notes, find they have caught a rat or two lately, or have seen for the first time evidences of rat invasion of their homes.

There is a reason for the sudden influx of rats into town. Last year

18 Training Planes, 14 Instructors Ready for First Group of Cadets; C. W. Taylor Named Manager of Field; Government Rules Bar Visitors at Airport.

Flight instruction for Penn State's 500 Air Corps Cadets will begin at the Bellefonte Airport on Monday morning, it was announced yesterday by officials of the New-Way Flying System which will conduct the school under the direct supervision of the Civil Aeronautics Authority.

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At 7:45 a. m. a bugle will sound; (Continued on page 2)

LT. E. A. SPICHER REPORTED MISSING

Former Local Insurance Man Was With U. S. Infantry in Africa

Lt. Edgar A. Spicher, son of Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Spicher of Pleasant Gap, and husband of the former Mary Louise Johnson, of West Linn street, Bellefonte, has been missing in action in the North African area since April 2, according to a telegram from the adjutant general's office received Sunday night by Mrs. Spicher.

Spicher, who before entering the service was in the insurance business, enlisted in the infantry in January, 1941, and upon graduation from the officers' school at Ft. Benning, Ga., was commissioned as a second lieutenant. From Ft. Benning he was sent to California, then transferred to Virginia where he remained until last October when he sailed for Africa. He was a member of the U. S. invasion force which landed at Casablanca on November 8, 1942, and was in action five days there before resistance ended.

Upon landing in Africa Lt. Spicher, a graduate of the Bellefonte High School in the class of 1934, was notified of his promotion to the rank of first lieutenant.

Lt. Spicher and the former Mary Louise Johnson were married in October 1941. His last visit home was made while he was stationed in Virginia shortly before he sailed for Africa. He has a brother, Russell, who is stationed at the Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Aberdeen, Md.

Since the original message reporting him missing in action, relatives have had no further information.

Blood Donors Needed At Local Hospital

The State mobile laboratory for collecting blood for conversion into plasma will be at the Centre County Hospital here Wednesday, April 28, and additional donors are needed.

Donors are asked to call the hospital, dial 757, immediately, to make arrangements. Blood received next Wednesday will be taken to Philadelphia laboratories and converted into plasma. The plasma will be returned to the hospital for general use.

It is necessary for donors to make arrangements as soon as possible with the hospital in order to avoid unnecessary delays on the day the mobile laboratory is here.

FALLING BEAM CAUSES DEATH OF J. K. WERT

Remains Conscious Over An Hour After Fatal Injury

FAILS TO RALLY AFTER OPERATION

Funeral Held Tuesday For Well Known Tusseyville Resident

Although suffering a fatal skull fracture when a heavy timber fell on him, J. Kenneth Wert, aged 35, Tusseyville farmer, walked across the highway to his home, changed clothes, went to a Centre Hall physician's office, and was being brought from there to the Centre County Hospital before he lost consciousness.

He died at the hospital at 6:25 o'clock Saturday evening, less than eight hours after the accident.

Wert was engaged in cleaning out in his barn about 11 o'clock Saturday morning when a heavy beam slipped from place and fell. In its descent it struck some machinery and its force was broken somewhat before it struck his head.

Despite the injury, of a type which usually results in immediate unconsciousness, Wert remained conscious for more than an hour, and was en route from Centre Hall to Bellefonte in a friend's car when he lapsed into a coma. An operation was performed at the hospital in an effort to repair the injury, but he failed to rally.

In placing machinery on the barn floor, the overhead beam was used as a brace to hold it in place, and it is believed that vibration of the machine caused the beam to become dislodged.

James Kenneth Wert was a son of John B. and Martha Roseman Wert and was born on the Wert home-stead farm, which he had been operating for the past five years, on March 31, 1908, making his age 35 years and 16 days. He is survived by his parents, residing in Centre Hall; his wife, the former Mary Eleanor Culbertson, and two daughters, Mary Ann and Ruth Naomi, both at home.

Surviving brothers and sisters are: Mrs. Mary Tevorrow, of Pittsburg; Rossman Wert, of Upper Darby; Mrs. Ralph Dale, of Bellefonte; John Wert, Jr., of Centre Hall, and Mrs. Anna W. Law, of Lock Haven.

Mr. Wert was an active member of the Tusseyville Lutheran church, was assistant superintendent of the Sunday school, and a member of the church council. For a year after his graduation from the Centre Hall-Pittsburg Township High School he taught school at Linden Hall. For

TO COLLECT SILK, NYLON HOSIERY

County Salvage Chairman Explains Need of Silk For War Uses

Every woman in Centre County was asked today to contribute at least one pair of silk or nylon stockings to the war effort this week by R. J. Kennard, chairman of the Salvage Committee of the Centre County Council of Defense.

"The woman of the county during this week are purchasing new Easter clothes, accessories, and hosiery," said chairman Kennard. "We, therefore, are asking them to remember their fighting men by giving us their discarded stockings, which are to be manufactured into powder bags.

"These are woven silk bags into which charges of powder are placed for generating the power required to expel a shell from guns of major calibre. The powder in bags are placed in the beech of the gun, and an attached fuse is ignited, causing the explosion that expels the shell.

"Only silk can be used for powder bags, because it alone completely burns, leaving no hot embers, thus making it possible to recharge the guns with greater speed.

"Nylon is used for the manufacture of other important war materials. Hosiery should be thoroughly washed before being donated. Receipts have been placed in all stores where hosiery is sold for depositing discarded stockings, and in many places collections are being made through the schools.

"Pennsylvania is making an effort to collect 2,000,000 pairs of silk hose during the month of April, and I feel sure that this county will contribute more than its share."

CAN COLLECTION FRIDAY

A collection of tin cans in Bellefonte borough will be made Friday, April 23.

Borough trucks will canvass all streets to make the pickup. Places cans in strong containers on the curb early Friday morning.

Casualty in Africa



Pvt. Edward L. Muirhead, (above) son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Muirhead, of Burnside Street, was wounded March 29 in action in North Africa, according to a message received by his parents from the War Department, Saturday morning. No further details were given in the message.

Pvt. Muirhead enlisted in the army on January 21, 1942, and from the reception center at New Cumberland was sent to Camp Wheeler, Georgia. Subsequently he went to Camp Blanding, Florida, and to camps in three other states before being sent to England in July 1942. Pvt. Muirhead was a member of an American force which landed in North Africa on November 8, 1942, and he had been in action there since that time.

On November 8, 1941, he was married to the former Shirley Casber, of Snow Shoe, and they are the parents of a seven-month-old baby daughter he has never seen. Mrs. Casber and daughter are living at her parental home in Snow Shoe during Pvt. Muirhead's absence.

Milesburg Man In Hospital In England

Pfc. James P. Holt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Patterson Holt of Milesburg, received an injury to his left thigh and is in an Army hospital in England, according to word received by his parents. Few details of the accident were learned except that he was injured in an Army camp in England.

A letter written by Holt ten days after the accident states that he is a patient in one of the largest American hospitals in England.

Pvt. Holt, a member of the Bellefonte National Guard unit, left for training at Camp Shelby, Miss., in January, 1941, and was sent abroad in the summer of 1942. Before entering the Army he attended Milesburg schools and the Bellefonte High School.

To Report May 3 For Training As a WAVE

Miss Mary Teaman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Teaman, of East Howard Street, has been notified to report at Hunter College, The Bronx, New York, to begin training with the WAVES. She enlisted in that branch of the service some weeks ago.

Miss Teaman, a graduate of the Bellefonte High School in the class of 1941, has been employed at the Home Dairy Store on West High Street since that time.

Named ODT Examiner

William B. Swartz, of State College, was appointed last Friday an examiner for the Altoona district of the ODT. Mr. Swartz has been in private trucking in State College for a number of years, owning a fleet of over 15 trucks. He attended Susquehanna University and Pennsylvania State College, specializing in dairy husbandry.

Buy Highway Barn

Negotiations were closed recently whereby Kofman and Company of Bellefonte became the owners of the former highway barn located at the extreme end of East High street, Bellefonte. According to Edward Kofman, who completed the deal, the building will be used to store iron, steel, and other materials.

POSSIBILITY VISIONED FOR CENTRE COUNTY ORE MINES

Centre county's "ghost" ore mines and scattered ore deposits were quickened with new interest on Friday when a House appropriations sub-committee in Washington was asked to consider a recommendation to provide \$30,000,000 for development and capturing ore from old

mine from deposits in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New York.

The purpose of the recommendation, urged by the Bureau of Mines and members of Congress, is to meet an expected serious shortage of iron ore in 1944.

Representative Augustine B. Kelley of Pennsylvania, himself a mining engineer, told the sub-committee that late opening of Lake shipping this year, together with excessive use of rail facilities, is expected to create a shortage of 5,000,000 tons of ore by February, 1944.

Many of the locomotive engines in use hauling ore to Lake ports in the summer, were this winter lent to other roads and kept in use. Nor-

KARTHAUS MAN LOSES LIFE IN TRUCK CRASH

Sylvester McGovern, 19, Victim of Accident on Mountain Road

INQUEST TO BE HELD NEXT WEEK

Police Claim Disabled Truck Parked Without Lights or Flares

A 19-year-old Karthaus man was virtually instantly killed about 10:45 o'clock Saturday night when his truck, disabled along the Snow Shoe Mountain road near the Beech Creek trestle, was struck by another truck.

Victim of the accident was Sylvester McGovern, who suffered a fractured skull. The driver of the other truck was Dorsey L. Neidigh, of Karthaus.

McGovern, Irvin Wooster, and a Mr. Shifter, all of Karthaus, were traveling toward Snow Shoe when the truck began to fall. They halted along the road, and Shifter got a ride in a passing car to Snow Shoe to get help. The truck, according to Pleasant Gap Motor Police who investigated the fatality, was parked without lights and with no flares burning, a short distance west of the highway bridge near the trestle.

McGovern was standing on the running board beside the cab with the truck door open when the Neidigh truck, also traveling toward Snow Shoe, struck the left rear of the parked vehicle, driving an angle iron in the front part of the bed forward, where it struck McGovern's head.

At the same time the McGovern truck swerved around on the road (Continued on Page Four)

County Running Low In War Bond Drive

At the present rate of War Bonds purchases in the Second War Loan campaign Centre county is not going to reach its April quota of \$2,200,000, it was announced yesterday by Claude G. Aikens and Mahlon K. Robb, co-chairmen of the county drive.

Sales to date total only about \$600,000 and the half-way mark in the drive has been passed, they reported.

The co-chairmen pointed out that if the county is to maintain its high record in meeting War Bond quotas, the rate of purchase will have to be increased greatly from now until the end of April.

BOARD 1 SENDS 42 INTO SERVICE

9 From State College Group Assigned to Navy; 33 Go to Army

Forty-two men from Local Draft Board No. 1, of State College, were sent to the reception center at New Cumberland, Tuesday, as the board's quota for April. The men passed final examinations at Altoona, Tuesday last week.

Of the group, nine were assigned to the Navy; 33 to the Army, and three of the men were transfers from other boards.

The Army inductions were: Ronald A. Barto, Huntingdon; Richard E. Blitner, State College; LeRoy W. Bradford, Pine Grove Mills; Harold E. Brodum, Centre Hall; Guy R. Brindle, Woodward; Fred L. Carson, Port Matilda; RD Francis E. Confer, Spring Mills; RD Robert I. Corl, Pine Grove Mills; Harry J. Dugan, State College; Frank P. Graham, Jr., State College; Scott R. Fugate, State College (Continued on page four)

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Barring some unforeseen event which cannot be anticipated, a Grange Fair will be held this year. The dates are Saturday, August 28 to Thursday, Sept. 2, inclusive. The camp will open on Friday, August 27. The Fair Committee plans to include a number of new educational features in the program, many of which will center about the urgent need for maximum efficiency in food production. Victory gardeners will be interested to learn that there will be classes added to the exhibit lists especially for their products.

At a recent meeting the Committee for the Grange Equipment and Centre County Fair effected its organization for the current season. G. W. Ralston continues as chairman of the committee and other department superintendents and their assistants also were re-elected to service during 1943. The only new member of the committee, Joseph Mitchell, representing Union Grange will assist R. W. Reed of Pennsylvania Furnace with horse, sheep and hog exhibits.