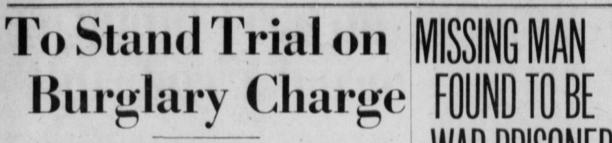


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Curwensville Merchant, Now Serving Time, Slated for Tria & Jewelry Theft at State College; Will b epresented by Noted Criminal Lawyer

A case of considerable interest in Centre and Clearfield counties is el. first on the list for trial when the rua. O 11. May criminal court opens here Mon-

day morning.

MINER KILLED BY

Daniel Cartwright, 55, Loses Life on First Day at New Job

FALL OF 'BONEY

Daniel Cartwright, 55. of .Point Lookout, was killed about 11:30 o'- gar Swartz, Harry Walls and William clock Monday night in an accident Kelley, all of Altoona, pleaded guilat the Bigelow Run mine, near the ty to actual participation in the Osceola Mills roundhouse.

Cartwright suffered a crushed Judge Wallace Smith to serve time skull and was killed instantly when in the Western Penitentiary, Pittsa small section of "boney" fell from burgh. Robinson went on trial in the roof of the mine and crushed his July 1941, as an accessory before the head against the cutting machine. fact and was sentenced by Judge Cartwright, a coal miner with 30 Smith to serve 4 to 8 years in the

started to work at the Bigelow Run the State contended Robinson planmine, operated by the Milsoms, on ned the burglary, informed the oth-Monday afternoon. He started at 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon and was working his first shift when the Col. John Bodle

accident occurred. Dan Reiter, who was working with him, reported the fall and summoned help. Miners removed him from the mine and he was rushed to the Philipsburg State Hospital in the Hope Fire Company ambulance where he was pronounced dead upon arrival.

Although he wore a hard hat, it was crushed some in the accident. The fall of "boney" was reported to be only about six inches thick but it was heavy enough to push his head against the machine he was cutting

coal with Cartwright's death was the first

veals Fate of Lt. Edgar elry from the Shomberg Jewre in State College in Feb-REPORTED MISSING

A. Spicher

**Only Short Time** 

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According to short-wave German

broadcasts heard here Saturday

night, Lt. Edgar A. Spicher, son of

Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Spicher, of Pleas-

**IN TUNISIA APRIL 3** headed by Thomas McBride, noted The case is that of Reuben R. Philadelphia criminal lawyer, and Child Born to Wife Day Robinson, aged about 55, Curwens- his local attorney will be William W. ville merchant, now serving time on Litke, member of the law firm of After Broadcast Lives a charge of burglary, in connection Fleming & Litke, Bellefonte, Indiwith the theft of about \$3,000 worth cations yesterday were that the case

might not go to the jury, because of legal points which are expected to be presented to the court before trial. If the case goes to trial, it is expected to require at least a day for completion

According to State Police at Rockview, who were in charge of the investigation of the Shomberg store burglary, and who participated in the investigation of \$8,000 worth of furs from the Clearfield Taxidermy Company, in April 1941, and for which crime Robinson now is serving time, Robinson was the "brains" of a gang which committed both crimes

In the Clearfield County case, Edburglary and were sentenced by

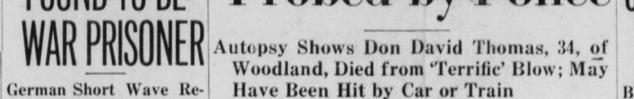
years experience in mining, had just Western Penitentiary. At the time Lt. Edgar A. Spicher

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## **Returns to States**

Colonel John E. Bodle, veteran Army pilot and husband of Mrs. a German prisoner and is "all and vicinity. Elizabeth Bodle, of 2156 Colony right."

Mr. Stitzer went immediately to day mo



BELLEFONTE, PA., THURSDAY, MAY 13, 1943.

Police today are investigating the later without regaining consciousdeath under strange circumstances, ness.

of Don David Thomas, 34, of Wood- When the Coroner was notified of land, who died in the Philipsburg the death Saturday night, he was State Hospital at 4 o'clock Saturday informed that the man had been afternoon of injuries suffered in an struck or had fallen from the train, ndetermined manner. and accordingly he released the body

The young man's death was caused to an undertaker. Sunday, Coroner by a crushed chest and broken back. Sheckler went to Philipsburg to conaccording to a statement yesterday duct an investigation and learned morning by Centre County Coroner the man had not been run over or Charles Sheckler of Milesburg, at struck by the train, and that no one, whose direction an autopsy was per- apparently, knew how he had been formed Tuesday night at the Flegal injured.

Funeral Home in Morrisdale by Dr. The official got in touch with Joseph A. Parrish, of Bellefonte. members of the train crew on Morth in the new school building-will be "The man suffered a terrific blow," day, and all of them expressed the held Tuesday evening. June 22, it Coroner Sheckler said, expressing belief the man was not struck by a was announced at a meeting of the the belief he might have been struck train, and they were certain he had School Board, Monday night. High not been hit by the train they were School classes will end commenceby a train or by an automobile. Thomas was found in an uncon- riding when they came upon his ment day, while the closing date of scious condition along the railroad body. Residents of the area were not the grade schools has been set for the barn." Yarnell was hurled to the Scores 388 Out of Possible tracks at West Decatur about 6:30 sure, the Coroner said, whether any Friday, June 4. o'clock Saturday morning, by mem- other trains had passed over the line bers of a northbound train. He was since the previous day.

rushed to the Philipsburg State Hos- As a result of the conflicting storpital in the Hope Fire Company am- ies, Sheckler, after funeral services in past years, with a speaker, special He found that a severe gust of bulance, but died about nine hours (Continued on page Four)



10 Pounds of Scrap Re- Playground Being Prequired For Tickets; 5 pared, Shrubbery Plant-**Collection Points** ed on School Tract

The grounds around the new tion had been taken on the associa The County Salvage and Waste ant Gap, and husband of the for- committee yesterday announced an- Bellefonte High School began to as- tion's recent plea for a general salmer Mary Louise Johnson, of Belle-fonte, reported mising in action on tures in an effort to round up avail-tures in a transfort to round up avail-tures in an effort to round up avail-tures in an effort to round up avail-tures in an effort to round up avail-tures in a transfort to round u

The movie, to be at the Plaza about the mammoth building.

In addition, every person enter-

ing the theatre will receive a ticket

entitling him or her to a free ice

cream cone at any Bellefonte store.

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Carl Bossler, of Altoona, and Harry

and sentenced to 60 days in jail.

Rockview, and OPA agents, last Oc-

Year's Final Event

A buffet supper at the Penn Belle

will be the concluding event in the

**Six Sentenced For** 

BHS to Close June 22. **Commencement Same** Night

**TEACHERS WANT** ACTION ON SALARIES

Board Turns Down Request for \$300 Bonus This Year

and a short heavy shower. Bellefonte High School commencement exercises-the first to be held greatest intensity shortly after it Homer Decker farm, just west of Zion, tenanted by Roy Yarnell, the damage was severe. Mr. Yarnell was walking around one corner of the barn when, he re-

ground, stunned, and remained there Commencement exercises will fol- several minutes before he realized low the same pattern as they have what had happened.

music, and awarding of diplomas wind had ripped seven squares off and prizes as highlights. The board the barn roof, including galvanized Bellefonte, was winner of the first turned down a suggestion for an all- roofing and the rafters to which it aid meet held by the Muncy Disstudent program on the grounds was attached, and hurling the entire trict of Boy Scouts of America in there isn't sufficient time for prepar-

ation. The type of diplomas to be awarded has not been decided at this time, but the education committee of the board has been instructed to lecide whether the time-honored large diplomas, or whether a new

A ground-swell of -unrest among Bellefonte's 54 school teachers again made itself manifest at the meeting when a committee, representing the Teachers' Association, appeared at

Albert Rhoads; Death the session to ask whether any ac-**Declared** Suicide

The lifeless body of W. Albert Rhoads, 51, well known Bellefonte Patrol of Troop No. 66, Pieasant the Tunisian front since April 3. is able scrap materials in Bellefonte on the playground began and scores Miss Mary Fletcher, while other contractor and stone mason, was Gap, and fourth place was awarded of pleces of inrubbery were planted members present were Miss Annette found suspended from a rafter in to the Hawk Patrol of Troop No. 35.

Road, Charlotte, has arrived at the First word the Spichers and the Theatre, Bellefonte, on Saturday The grading operations began on to questions Board President Hart- block manufacturing plant at the memory wife response to questions began on to questions began o Read, Charlotte, has arrived at the William Northern Army Air Field, Tuilahoma, Tenn, from the southwest Pacific theatre of operations to assume command of a large Air Porce Reconnaissance Corps, it was amounced today by the Base Com-mander. Veteran of the early fighting on New Guinea Island and active the southwest Pacific the

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HALF-WAY MARK

\$17,000 Pledged to

Date

tor. No notes or messages of any

Discovery of the body was made

of the Titan Metal Company, who

went to the plant to get a load of

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Dr. D. L. Flegal is the other Belle-

Dr. Nevin C. Jodon

land States.

kind were found by authorities.

SUBSCRIPTION-\$1.50 PER YEAR

# Man's Death Being BOARD FIXES High Wind Causes Probed by Police CLOSING DATES Damage at Zion

FOR SCHOOLS Barns Are Unroofed, Trees Blown Down In "Flash" Storm; Roy Yarnell Is Felled by **Lightning Near His Home** 

> A brief but violent thunderstorm, section some 200 feet to the garden which swept over the central part of near the house.

> Centre county early Saturday after- At about the same time the wind noon caused considerable destruc- struck the barn there was an intense tion in the Zion area, according to flash of lightning and an immediate crack of thunder. When Mr. Yarnell reports from that section. The storm, which struck Belle- regained his full consciousness he fonte about 2:30 and traveled rapid- discovered a switchbox where an ly down Nittany Valley, was accom- electric power line entered the barn,

> panied by a most violent wind which was blazing on the side of the buildwas the cause of most of the damage (Continued on Page Four) reported. There was some lightning

The storm apparently reached its greatest intensity shortly after it passed over Bellefonte, for at the CONIESI WI

405 Points; 3 Patrols

Win Insignias

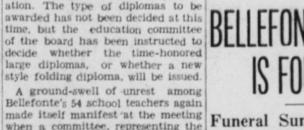
the Spring street gymnasium in Bellefonte last Thursday night, receiving 388 out of a possible 405 points to win over teams from Bellefonte and Pleasant Gap.

The winning patrol was awarded the large silver cup which will remain in its possession until next year's meet. Members of the group were also presented with first ald Funeral Sunday For W. kits given by Gene MacGregor, district health and safety chairman, who was in charge of the event.

> Second place went to the Eagle Patrol of Troop No. 35 of Bellefonte; third place was won by the Beaver

Decker and J. S. Dubbs. In response the George E. Rhoads Sons concrete Bellefonte. Scores for second, third.

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fatality ever to occur in the Bigelow Run mine. The deceased, who lived at Point

Lookout, is survived by his widow. his mother and a daughter.

Centre County Coroner Charles Sheckler of Milesburg, and a State Mine Inspector from Roaring Springs, visited the mine Tuesday to conduct an investigation. At the conclusion of their probe they ruled Cartwright's death an accident.

#### **Hospital Alumnae** In Regular Session

At a regular meeting of the Centre County Hospital Nurses Alumnae Association held Monday night at the home of Mrs. David Washburn, on East Curtin street, Mrs. Grayco Tressler, president of the gram begins at 6:30 p.m. organization, was elected delegate to the State Nurses' convention to and the Titan Male chorus will be be held in Harrisburg in the fall. Mrs. Wilbur Badger was named as the State Fish Commission, fish and alternate.

The group completed tentative plans for a picnic to be held during ton from near and far are expected the summer. Miss Mary Swartz, secto be present. retary, and Mrs. Tressler, president, were chosen to attend the War Nurses' Council and Secretarial Institute to be held in Altoona on Satwill open on Friday, May 14. urday, May 22.

Members were present from Madisonburg, Pleasant Gap and Bellefonte, and after the business session a social hour was enjoyed, with Miss Jane Keller and Mrs. Washburn serving as co-hostesses.

#### **Red Cross Receives** National Honor

Lewis Orvis Harvey, chairman of the Bellefonte Chapter, Red Cross, today. Plans to hold the inspection from all organizations in the Snow yesterday reported the Chapter had this Sunday were postponed because Shoe-Clarence district and in Pine been awarded a certificate of honor of other activities. for its exceptional record in the re- One or more instructors will be

cent Red Cross War Fund Drive. on hand throughout the afternoon In the drive, the local Chapter's to name the parts and the functions quota was \$9,200. Receipts to date of the various parts of planes. are \$10,405.20, Mr. Harvey said, or Each organization group leader in more than \$1200 in excess of the the local Aircraft Warning Service quota. The certificate is signed by is asked to take a poll among the Norman H. Davis, national Red observers under his supervision to Cross chairman. (Continued on Page Fourt

### Pleasant Gap Honor Roll To Be **Dedicated Sunday Afternoon**

A dedication service for the Pleas- an Male Chorus. ant Gap Honor Roll will be held "Stout Hearted Men", by Titan

Sunday, May 16, at 5:30 p. m., at Male Chorus. the grade school building. The Am-erican Legion of Bellefonte will pre-"I Am an American", by Titar "I Am an American", by Titan

Auman, Adam M.

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sent two American Plags to the Male Chorus. community to be displayed at the "My Buddy", by Titan Male Choschool grounds rus.

The program for the occasion is as follows: nin

"Army Air Corps", played by American Legion Band.

can Legion. "Star-Spangled Banner', by band.

Township School Director "America the Beautiful", by Tit-

during the first months of the war, the Spicher home to report the news, movie. Each youngster bringing methods in aerial combat operations. West Howard street, was also called. Collections also will be held in

Commissioned in the Army Air Within a short time other persons Milesburg, Central City, Howard, Corps on January 22, 1927, Col. who had heard the broadcast got in Pleasant Gap and Unionville, and West Penn Head Bodle has watched the Army air ser- touch with the Spicher and Johnson tickets will be distributed in those vice grow into the world's most pow- families, among them being Rev. E. towns. erful striking force. Among the more Foster Piper, of Milesburg, a man important stations he has covered in

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To Be Held Tonight SNOW SHOE TO **Paradise'** Dinner The annual fishermen's dinner

HONOR SOLDIERS sponsored by the Bellefonte Kiwanis Club preparatory to the opening of "Fishermen's Paradise" near Belle fonte, will be held at the Penn Belle Honor Roll for Service gasoline rationing regulations enter-Hotel this Thursday night. The pro-Men to be Dedicated on A lake trout dinner will be served **Memorial Day** 

Service men and women of Snow Snow Shoe, and Carl Jackson, of present to entertain. Members of Shoe, Clarence, and vicinity will be Bellefonte, charged with unlawful game wardens from all parts of the honored at the dedication of an hon- possession of "S" gasoline ration

county, and followers of Isaac Walor roll at Snow Shoe the afternoon of Memorial Day. The Snow Shoe Fire Company is sponsoring the roll, Bathurst, of Bellefonte, charged This year the Kiwanis Club and on which the names of more than with unlawful possession of coupons Rotary Club are jointly sponsoring 400 men and women of that area now serving with the armed forces government, were placed on probathe dinner. "Fishermen's Paradise

The plaque is being erected in front of the fire house in Snow Shoe the U. S. government was fined \$100

#### Aircraft Observers where the dedication and a flag-To Visit Airport raising ceremony will be held. The C. W. Taylor, operations manager Bellefonte, will be in charge of the State Police sub-station at

of the New-Way Flying System at program.

The communities will spend more the Bellefonte Airport has granted permission for observers of the Army than \$1,000 in erecting the plaque tober. Aircraft Warning Service to inspect which is made by a commercial complanes at the airport on Sunday af- pany and has some unusual features. ternoon, May 23, it was announced Contributions have been received

Glen and Moshannon, which is in Hotel on Monday evening, May 24,

(Continued on Page Four) **5 New Members Join** 

Club until next fall, it was an- prisoners in a film at the Plaza the-Local VFW Auxiliary Mrs. Harriet Nesbitt, of the speech interpretation class at Penn State

Five new members were initiated College, will present a group of resi- Japanese in the Philippines and into the Auxiliary to Post 1600 Vetinto the Auxiliary to Post 1600 Vet-erans of Foreign Wars, Bellefonte, at a meeting in the Post home on and recitations.

South Spring street, Monday night, and recitations. A trio consisting of Mrs. Louis showed the capture of Corregidor as The floor work with color bearers was particularly impressive. Schad and Francis Davis, violinists, the Japanese saw it.

and Einar Nilsson, pianist, will be heard in a group of selections. In one brief view in which four Jap soldiers were shown leading a Mrs. Lena Garis, Auxiliary presiheard in a group of selections. dent, presided at the session and plans were made for the annual

poppy sale. The Auxiliary will cooperate with the Post in observance

in the nation's service.

of Memorial Day. 3235. Tickets will be 65 cents each. At the conclusion of the business meeting a social hour was held.

Poppy Sales Begin BARN AT CENTRAL CITY IS DESTROYED BY FIRE

A barn owned by Norman Shawley

at Central City, Milesburg, was de-Following is the list of 100 names

kept the blaze from spreading to them who have sacrificed their lives In the two years the bakery did was sent to New Guinea over two nearby buildings.

was taken from a large pile of ma- best we can." President Hartranft Rhoads contracting firm, died sudthe Colonel's arrival here is expect- while Lt. Spicher's wife, daughter of the required amount of material terial removed when the foundations promised the committee. The teachers have asked for a toed to see the teaching of latest Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Johnson, of will be given a ticket to the movie. of the school were being prepared tal increase of \$300 each in salary death last Thursday found no ap-

(Continued on page Four) during the coming year. Part of the parent reason for Mr. Rhoads' act, \$300 will be provided through legis- but it is believed that the death of lation passed in Harrisburg last his brother was a contributing fac-

Here To Retire

Announcement has been made by P. H. Powers, vice president of the West Penn Power Company, that Walter T. McCormick, district manager of the Bellefonte district will retire from active duty, May 31. Mr. McCormick has given 31 years of good and faithful service to West

Gas Coupon Violations Penn, the last fourteen years being Only \$8,714 of Goal of Six Central Pennsylvania spent in the Bellefonte office. charged with violation of the OPA He went with the company as olicitor in the New Business Deed pleas of guilty to the charges bepartment at Waynesburg in March fore Judge Albert Johnson in Fed-

1912, and in October 1913 was made eral Court in Harrisburg last Thursdistrict manager of the Commercial

William and Merrill Harnish, of in the Purchasing Department, and than half its goal of \$17,000, it was May 21, to begin a six-weeks train- unless a different date is specified in over three years in the Financial De- reported yesterday by officials. coupons, were fined \$10 each.

partment in Pittsburgh, his com- The total yesterday was \$8,714, to the Dental Corps of the First pany service was in the Green county and the minimum goal of the cam- Service Command in the New Engcapital until April 1929, on which paign is \$17,000, officials said.

year.

date he was transferred to Belle- Unless the goal is reached all fonte as district manager, which twelve of the participating agencies position he holds until his retire- will suffer serious curtailment of graduate of the local high school their activities during the coming and of the University of Pittsburgh ment.

the U. S. government was fined \$100 and sentenced to 60 days in jail. The men were arrested after an investigation durated in the sentences.

SEEN IN MOVIES

atre here during the weekend.

The film, allegedly stolen from the

Woman's Club Plans Earl Walizer Shown Cap- ing in the fund are depending tive of Enemy on for their future existence. Failure to Corregidor

A Bellefonte man, prisoner of the **Bellefonte Youth Is** Japanese in the Philippine Islands program of the Bellefonte Woman's was shown briefly among other Jap Honored by Air Corps and Dr. H. E. Kuss.

> Cpl. William H. Fetzer, of Bellefonte, is one of more than 100 officers and men of the "Bully Beef Express" who proudly wear new medals for service in the South Pa-

licitors to complete their lists as into the army.

quickly as possible and to file reports

The public is urged to remember

that the 12 local institutions shar-

greatly upon the current campaign

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t the earliest possible moment.

cific. Cpl. Fetzer, a radio operator, was awarded a Distinguished Flying Cross and an Air Medal by order o General MacArthur for his part in the Papaun campaign in New Guin-

The decorated men are pilots, copilots, or radio men who flew unarmed transports over the Owen canning an Stanley Mountains to carry anything fruit crop.

Invocation, by Rev. D. A. Downin. Presentation of Flags, by Ameri-an Legion. "Star-Spangled Ban-er', by band. Acceptance of Flags, by a Spring Acceptance of Flags, by a

not have a single lost-time accident. months ago.

denly of a heart attack, April 24. Officials who investigated the

**Higher Pay For Jurors Not Due** Until Sept. 1st

Jurors summoned for the May Mr. Rhoades' nephew, George term of criminal and civil courts in R. Rhoads, of Coleville, an employe Centre county will not benefit by the increase in pay as authorized by the legislature at the recent session. The act, increasing the pay of jurors from \$3 to \$4 a day does not go into effect until Sept. 1, 1943.

The authority for this statement To Enter Service is found in the act of assembly of May 28, 1837, which provides; "All Dr. Nevin C. Jodon, for the past laws hereafter enacted finally at a ten years a practicing dentist in regular session of the legislature, ex-Bellefonte, has enlisted in the U.S. cept laws making appropriations, The Beliefonte Community Wel- Army and has received a commis- shall be in full force and effect from Department in the same community. fare Fund campaign, which began sion as a first lieutenant. He is and after the first day of September With the exception of two months April 29," has reached little more scheduled to report to Carlisle on next following their final enactment,

ing course before being transferred the law itself."

ANNOUNCE CHANGES IN JOHNSTON BUS SCHEDULE

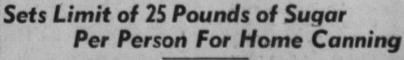
Dr. Jodon, the second Bellefonte The Johnston Motor Bus Line, Inc., dentist to enter the service, is a announces a slight change in schedule. Beginning May 10, the morning bus to State College leaves Belle-Dental School. Owing to the short The campaign so far has been time before his departure he is now fonte at 7:10 a. m., connecting with "spotty" with incomplete returns devoting his entire time to complet-from large sections of the campaign in work which was under way when the Greyhound bus leaving State College at 7:50 a. m., arriving in area. Team captains urge their so- he received notice of his acceptance Harrisburg at 10:55 a.m., in Philadelphia at 3:55 p. m., and in New

York at 6:05 p. m. Mrs. Jodon and the two children Effective May 15, the bus leaving will remain at the family home on Bellefonte for Milesburg at 11:30 a. East Curtin street for the time be- m. will be discontinued.

PLEASANT GAP CIVILIAN fonte dentist now serving in the DEFENSE GROUP TO MEET

armed forces. With Dr. Jodon's departure, Bellefonte will have six A regular meeting of the Pleasant practicing dentists, Dr. R. L. Stevens, Gap Civilian Defense Council will be Dr. J. J. Kilpatrick, Dr. E. S. Maloy, held at 7:30 o'clock Tuesday evening, Dr. R. R. Noll, Dr. C. T. Shallcross May 18, in the grade school building at Pleasant Gap.

Officials of the Council yesterday Board Meeting Postponed reported that net proceeds of the Local Draft Board No. 2, of Belle- rummage sale held April 28 for the fonte, scheduled to meet last night, benefit of the defense fund totaled will meet tonight (Thursday) in- \$41.15. Mrs. Hugh Smith was in stead, it was announced yesterday. charge of the sale



The Office of Price Administra- receiving applications under the new tion has fixed a top limit of 25 regulation. No special form is repounds of sugar per person for home quired, unless it is planned to sell canning and freezing of this year's the home product, and applications may be made in person or by mail.

Except for the specific maximum, Each applicant must furnish a sugar for home canning will be al- copy of war ration book No. 1 for located on substantially the same each person for whom home-canbasis as last year-one pound of su- ning sugar is sought, the total numgar for each foar quarts for eight pounds) of the finished product. ber ef quarts or pounds to be used for making jams and jellies.

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Beginning May 15, ration boards only by the collection of blue stamps throughout the country will begin at the rate of 8 points per quart.

Gets Safety Award soldiers who wrested Buna and San-

**Olde Tyme Bakery** Saturday, May 22

ea. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. The supper is scheduled to be group of U.S. soldiers down the side served at 7:30 p. m. and reservations of a cliff, Pfc, Earl J. Walizer, son may be made until May 18 by calling of Mrs. Edward W. Witmer, of Rey-Mrs. Charles M. Thompson, dial nolds avenue, Bellefonte, appeared

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Fetzer of West High street, have received official notice of his citation.

jeep, to American and Australian

and everything from a native to a

andanda from the Japanese.

Volunteer workers from Junior Auxiliary Brooks Doll Unit, No. 33, fonte, has received from the State Forces on January 30, 1942, and was pounds) of the finished product.

Benediction, by Rev. D. A. Dow-"My Buddy", by Band.