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**Deaths of Three County** Service Men are Reported Lt. Wert Kill o DEAN ROSSMAN IS Pvt. Broderick Dies

A Centre county airman who escaped injury when 115 Axis machine gun bullets and several pieces of shrapnel forced a Billy Mitchell bomber to a crash landing in North Africa, March 7, lost his life May 15 when the plane in which he was Millheim Man One of 18 flying across a mountainous region of North Africa crashed from some unknown cause.

News of the, untimely death of their son, Lt. Donald S. Wert, 26, was received last Thursday by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. Sparr Wert, of Aaronsburg, and by his wife, the former Louise Musser, of Millheim.

parents, Major White wrote: "Very little is known in regard to the Tenn. causes of the accident as Donald was

in flight in mountainous, thinly populated country. The French people could not tell what happened," the camp from a maneuver area near ber 8. letter stated, adding

"He had completed 20 missions (Continued on Page Four)



**Bellefonte Girl** Wins Scholarship \$5 Goes Begging for Owner

John Joseph "Bub" Broderick, 25. on of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Broderick, of 203 East Fairmount avenue, State College, died in a British hospital in Africa. May 31, as the result of wounds received in action on the North African front, March 24, according to a War Department tele-Killed Near Nashgram received Monday morning by

### his parents. ville, Tenn.

The message, from the adjutant general in Washington, D. C., stated: The twelfth Centre county man "The Secretary of War desires that to lose his life in World War II is I tender his deep sympathy to you Pvt. Dean K. Rossman, 21, son of Mrs. Helen Kane, of Millheim, who The little that is known of his last flight was reported by Major Alph-Army truck crashed through a flight was reported by Major Alph-eus W. White, commanding officer of the unit to which Lt. Wert was attached. In his letter to the officer's

cident happened near Nashville, tion. Letter follows. According to reports the accident happened when the truck was crossthat could report anything at all camp from a manual strain and invasion of North Africa on Novem- torate of the county. Nashville. April 11 the Brodericks received

Several of the occupants were first information that their son had pinned beneath the vehicle. Sixteen (Continued on page Two) were dead when the bodies were removed from the wreckage and two

other victims are in critical condition Public relations officers at the camp said the driver, taking a short cut over an unfamiliar road, apparently was not acquainted with the narrow bridge and could not slow down in time.

others died later in hospitals. Two

Pvt. Rossman, a son of the late Jay Rossman and Helen Colver, was born on February 10. 1922. He was a graduate of the East Penns Valley High School, Millheim, in the class of 1939, and was employed at the Millheim Hosiery mill before entering the service last November. Surviving in addition to his moth-

and his wife, the former Betty Auman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Auman, of Millheim, are hese brothers and sisters; Mrs. Earl Smith, Franklin Rossman and Virzinia Kane, all of Millheim, and Russell J. Rossman, an Aviation adet at Arcadia, Florida. Deceased

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Charles F. Hipple

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LEGION, MOOSE DOG CONTROL LAW Mayor Launches Drive

Dust Nuisance Seen in

**Near Future** 

when two dogs in the pound were

Mr. Marshall's report revealed that

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Fred C. Mensch Charles F. Hipple, of Bellefonte, from six mills to four mills. The Inand Fred C. Mensch, of Millheim, from six mills to four mills. The In-stitution tax corresponds roughly to his life in the collision of two Amer-Broderick enlisted in the service who this week announced their canthe old township and borough poor ican cargo ships, a tanker and an on June 17, 1942, and was sent over- didacy for re-election to the Board tax levy, and through efficient adseas four months later. He was with of Centre County Commissioners, ministration of the County Institu-U. S. coast in which 83 of the 150 ing a one-way bridge over a railroad an American amphibian unit in the need little introduction to the electhe Institution rate, which originally

For Messrs. Hipple and Mensch, was seven mills, was reduced first to who comprise the Democratic ma- six mills, and then, at the beginning released Sunday, but the accident jority on the board, during the of this year, two more mills were cut happened some days, or possibly three-and-a-half years they have from the levy.

been in office have established a To enable them to reduce the to-record of efficiency and economy tal millage three mills this year, the studies at Penn State early this year in county government.

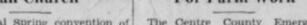
In the face of rising costs and of tion of about \$48,000 in county ex- reported to have embarked on his increases in salary to county eth-ployes to offset to some extent the turns about \$16,000 in revenue. News that he is missing at sea higher costs of living, the two com- But the reduction was made with- contained in letters written by Mrs. missioners led in the move to slash out any serious curtailment of coun- Talbott and her daughter. Mrs. Carlthree mills from the county tax rate in January, this year. The saving to taxpayers from this reduction will the two men in cutting county costs (Continued on page Four) be apparent when the statements are is an interesting story of practical

sent out this fall. business experience and comm The board effected this reduction sense as applied to the county gov by lowering the county tax rate from ernment.

seven mills to six mills, and the Similarly the debt situation in the County Institution District tax rate (Continued on Page Four)



Large Attendance Marks Urge All Unemployed Men Sessions at Local Luth- And Boys to Register eran Church For Farm Work



Blaney, more requests have been

According to Blaney, the shortage

er who will first feel the food short-

Mayor Hardman P. Harris has in-

structed borough police to clamp

down on those who frequent all

night restaurants-particularly on

Bellefonte Council, at a regular many weeks have disturbed the to load this spring's wool clip at

the law.

of farm labor is not only a problem of the farmer, but serioulsy concerns all consumers, as it is the city dwell-er who will first feel the feel well-

South Allegheny street-and who for Growers' Association are planning

Mother Learns Son Lost on First Voyage With **Merchant Marine** QUIT COLLEGE TO ENLIST IN SERVICE No Confirmation For Belief Victim Died in Col-

lision of Freighter Jack Talbott, 19, of the U.S. Merchant Marine, son of Mrs. Margaret Talbott, until recently a resident

of Bellefonte, is reported missing at Had Varied Business And Military Experience

men aboard lost their lives. Announcement of the collision was

otary types of business and with the spec-

ial keenness of mind characteristic of those who have had long military training He was born in Philipsburg on March 22, 1895, a son of Christian

W. Hoffer and Ella J. Gerberich. His father was a son of the late John

**Compensation Case** Sent Back to Board

late C. T. Gerberich, who will be In an opinion filed yesterday in remembered by the older residents the case of James Trostle, cliamant, of the county as a former prominent vs. the State Workmen's Insurance Bellefonte mill-owner and who was Fund, defendant; Penn State Col- for many years vice-president of the lege employer, Judge Ivan Walker Bellefonte Trust Company. ordered the case sent back to the

Mr. Hoffer received his early edu-Workmen's Compensation board and referee for further consideration. The court held that there are ome grounds for the belief the ber of the "war class" of 1918, giving released by G. R. Hershberger, gen-Board did not give the case sufficient (Continued on Page Four)

consideration The original action resulted when Trostle suffered an injury to the left thumb, and the matter is cur-INIDOING INIAN ID rently brought to the local court's attention through an appeal from a FOUND IN OTDEAN



ofessor of military science and actics at Penn State College will be he principal speaker at Flag Day ceremonies to be conducted here Philipsburg Resident Has Monday evening by the Bellefonte Elks Lodge, it was announced yesterday

Col. Mills, who was on the program at Philipsburg recently at the Frederic G. Hoffer, of Philipsburg, dedication of the Philipsburg honor chief clerk to the Centre County roll, is a speaker of outstanding abil-Commissioners, this week announced ity, and his close association with his candidacy for the Democratic military matters gives him a solnomination to the office of Prothon- dier's viewpoint of present-day con-

Mr. Hoffer enters the contest for The Plag Day program will begin that important office with a fine at 6:30 p. m. when a parade will background of experience in various move through the central part of the

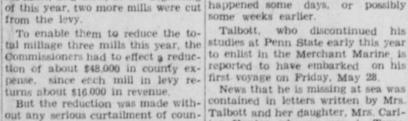
town, coming to a half at the Court (Continued on Page Four)



Alpha Fire Company To Hold Annual 3-Day Carnival

Detailed plans for the State Colcation in the public schools of Phil- lege Elks Flag Week observance ipsburg and then attended Penn which began Tuesday and will con-State College, where he was a mem- tinue until next Monday have been eral chairman, with Col. E. D. Ardery cooperating on arrangements.

The high school stadium has been reserved for retreat ceremonles at 5 p. m. daily from Tuesday of this week through Friday, with the Air Forces students and A. S. T. P. peronnel taking charge on alternating



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This is a mystery tale of a \$5 bill, ceived in Dayton from Bellefonte, the Centre County Sabbath School Farm Labor Office, which opened in of East Logan street, who will be a member of the BHS graduating class in June, has been awarded the C

State scholarship of \$400 for Centre The \$5 bill needs no introduction. know what it was for and wouldn't pectation. county this year, it was announced It looked just like any other \$5 bill accept it, the note explained. The Perhaps one of the reasons for this coming in for help than it has been this week. It is the first time in at The honest people will reveal them- Dayton superintendent of mails increased interest is that for the possible to supply. Due to the late least 20 years-perhaps the first time selves as you get into the story. The went on to request Mr. Meek to "dis- first time in years conventions have planting season, as well as the apin history-that a Bellefonte High postmaster who might have taught tribute the \$5 to its proper owner." been held in every district of the proach of harvest, the need for adstudent has won the State scholar- Sherlock Holmes a few tricks, is The business envelope bore the county prior to the county conven- ditional help on farms is becoming The coveted award usually George R. Meek, well known former Bellefonte postmark June 2, 9:30 a. tion, and that all the districts have more acute.

m., Mr. Meek perceived. It also car- been organized. State College High stu- Bellefonte newspaper publisher. goes to a State College High stu-dent, and last year a Philipsburg student was the winner. The convention not only was well student was the winner. The convention not only was well bys and girls who have not already morning of last week, was solved on attended, but every speaker and con-student was the winner. The scholarship is given to one through his morning mail. In it he Dayton.

student in each county of the state found a registered letter from the Where the Kohlbecker family is made thorough preparation. The workers who find it possible to help in Bellefonte where he had often shannon Creek, four miles downand is awarded on the basis of com- Dayton. Ohio. postoffice. Opening concerned, Mr. Meek knew from ex- morning session was presided over at odd times, or who are willing to visited at the homes of relatives. He stream from a bridge where his badpetitive examinations. Miss Swartz the letter he found a note from perience, Aloysius, better known as by George J. Bohn, treasurer. Rev. take full time farm jobs, are like- was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Cameron ly damaged automobile had been received the highest mark in the Hugh T. Albright, superintendent of "Ollie" Kohlbecker, prominent Miles- H. H. Jacobs conducted the morn- wise urged to contact the county Stover, formerly of Bellefonte but found countywide examinations held here mails at Dayton, and a blue business burg hotel man, is always a good ing devotions. Rev. C. E. Arnold, host headquarters. Industrial workers now of Butler, and the grandson of Zetts had not been seen since countywide examinations held here mails at Dayton, and a blue business our is not been seen since on May 7, when 36 students from envelope across the face of which starting place, so he called "Ollie." pastor, gave the address of welcome, and business men are urged to util-various county high schools vied for was scrawled in red pencil "Mr. got to its rightful owner the post- President, Dr. W. R. Heaton. Kohlbecker Flag." the honor.

yearly for a four-year course at any that the unsealed business envelope tact in questioning so as not to re- Thomas C. Haugh, a prominent bus- present extremely heavy hay crop. Daniel P. O'Leary, of North Penn near the bridge at the foot of the Pennsylvania college. on which was printed the address of veal the amount of money involved. iness man, was called by death. His as well as later on during the har- street, both of Bellefonte. Miss Swartz expects to enter Penn George A. Pflaum, Publishers, Inc., Anyhow, "Ollie" never heard of pastor, Rev. Edward H. Jones, con- vesting of grain and fall crops. State College in the fall and is ten- 124 E. 3rd St., Dayton, Ohio, was re-(Continued on page Siz) tatively planning to study journal-

# **CDA to Celebrate 40th Anniversary**

Court Patrick McArdle, Catholic Daughters of America of Bellefonte, held their last meeting of the season Monday night in the K. of C. rooms on W. High street, with newly-elected Grand Regent, Mrs. Mary Gray, presiding

During the meeting plans were made for celebrating the 40th anniversary of the founding of the organization with a dinner to be held June 21. at 6:30 p. m., at the Brockernon Hotel Hewy-acted of the second state of the Bellefonte court will be in-stalled by Miss Elsie Seymore of Tyrone, district deputy. Miss Cath-to the following pupils: erine Hartle is chairman of arrangements with the following committee: Mrs. J. C. Clinefelter, Mrs. Elmer Hauer and Louise Carpeneto.

A report of the State convention Samuel Rhinesmith, Philip Saylor, held last month in Lancaster was Gaetana Catalano, Marianne Hauer, who was a delegate from the court. Simco Mrs. Gray appointed Mrs. Catherine Garbrick and Miss Ella Howley,

members of the sick committee, Mrs. given by the Rev. Edward J. Waters, aid. Ruth Casper, house and entertain- new assistant pastor of St. John's ment committee, and Louise Carpen-eto, publicity, all to serve for one benediction at the close of the ser-the close of the ser-the essay prizes awarded annually Mr. Marshall's report revealed that to students writing the best essays of ten dogs taken into custody, 9 year

# **Former BHS Coach** Catches Big Trout follows:

Ten dollars, awarded by Knights Glenn Aumiller, of North Wilson of Columbus, for highest averages: street, former athletic coach at the Gaetana Catalano, 8th grade; (Continued on Page Four) Bellefonte High School, but for some time an employe of the Penn State

Frenchville Picnic Cancelled Extension Department, carved himself a place among local angling heroes Saturday night when he annual Frenchville picnic will not hooked and landed a 24-inch trout be held this year. Due to war and hooked and landed a 24-inch trout be held this year. Due to war and west co spend a month's leave when the landed a discovered by Bill Al-hooked and landed a 24-inch trout be held this year. Due to war and before resuming his duties on the bright, night cook at the nearby said. A joint committee of the fire

while fishing along Spring Creek, travel restrictions, the picnic has West Coast. Mr. Aumiller snagged the prize trout on a May fly, and the catch was duly recorded for history, with south of Bellefonte. ville sponsors the picnic, photographs.

ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL Pupils Receive Awards for Legion Also Increases Es- Improvement in Lime say Prizes; Moose Spon-**Outstanding Achieve**ment During Year

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sors Nursing Awards Brooks-Doll Post American Legion Commencement exercises for St. John's Parochial School, Bellefonte, and the Bellefonte Moose Lodge meeting Monday night, expressed peace of the section at night with Bellefonte on Wednesday, June 16. began at 8 a. m. Sunday, when mem- have offered to provide scholarships satisfaction with results being ob- loud talk, laughter and other un- According to E. H. Dale, president,

bers of the graduating class attend- for deserving Bellefonte High School tained through enforcement of dog necessary noise. erhoff Hotel. Newly-elected officers bers of the graduating class attend- for descring Henerotte right School laws in the borough during recent While conditions under which the powers of enforcement officer James prosecute them to the full extent of present wool clips. The prices to be

scholarships will be awarded and the Marshall. amounts of the scholarships have By a unanimous vote Council apnot been decided on definitely at proved the posting of a reward of Carl Caparelle, Patrick Gherrity his time, both the awards are re-corted to be of a substantial nature. The Legion scholarship, which since the found interfering with the dog law COLLEGE PLANS this time, both the awards are re- \$10 for information leading to the Joseph Hazel, Andrew Knapik, Wilported to be of a substantial nature, arrest and conviction of any person liam Miller, William Quaranto,

may be extended to provide aid for enforcement officer, or who molest given by retiring regent, Miss Hartle, Theresa Kushwara, Mary Masullo, four years of college instruction to or release animals in the borough Cecelia Shoemaker and Dorothy some deserving student who has dog pound at the Gamble Mill. This shown outstanding scholastic abil. step was taken to prevent recur-

The commencement address was ity, at present calls for one year of rences of an act a week or more ago In addition, the Legion increased released by unknown persons.

on an assigned patriotic subject. Up (Continued on Page Four) Prizes awarded at commencement **Electric Iron Causes** 

exercises for excellence in various **College Physician** branches of school work were as

fighting there.

**Home from Pacific** 

After spending almost a year in sulted at the Penn State Laundry, afternoon and evening, it is an- stock Extension Specialist of State the South Pacific area with a Ma- West Beaver avenue, State College, nounced by Robert Y. Edwards, gen- College, who will be present to ad- the fire company. Firemen who at- Claude G. Alkens of State College, rine Corps medical unit, Dr. Herbert at 12:40 a.m. Tuesday, by fire start- eral chairman in charge.

SCHOLARSHIPS BY COUNCIL TIGHTENS

R. Glenn, of South Patterson street, ed from an electric iron which em- The entire holiday celebration high quality product. For the first time in 73 years, the State College, returned to his home ployes had forgotten to disconnect will be climaxed by a parade of all heroes Saturday night when he annual Frenchville picnic will not last week to spend a month's leave when the laundry closed.

from booster tanks.

ision by the Co Board refusing suspension of compensation payments to Trostle.

#### Nephew Killed In Wandered Into Water Action In Africa After Car Wrecks

Miss Nora Stover of the Petrikin The strange disappearance of apartments, Bellefonte, received

word during the weekend that her George Zetts, 52, a poultryman of Mr. Blaney urges all high school nephew, Russell Stover, 24, of But- Drifting, missing since Wednesday ference leader was present and had headquarters immediately. Other The young man was well known drowned body in the waters of Mo-

vacations so that they will be able was also a nephew of Scott Stover His car. a Chevrolet coupe, was The scholarship provides \$100 The note in the letter explained master was required to use some During the year vice president to help in the harvesting of the of East Howard street, and Mrs. found a short time later overturned mountain. It was completely de-

molished. Three small spots of blood were ound on the inside of the car which gave rise to the belief that the victim might have met with foul play. WOOL, JUNE 16 This theory, however, was discounted by the coroner, after the finding of the body. In the opinion of that official Zetts had received a skull fracture before entering the water. on Unnecessory Noise Growers to Load Crop at probably from the accident, and that he wandered along the bridge and Shope Warehouse; Prices fell in.

The death theory advanced by the coroner and state police was that Zetts, who had suffered a heart ail-Centre County Sheep and Wool

28th DIVISION TO MEET

ing down the Moshannon mountain seaman first class, U. S. Navy, of last Wednesday morning and may Bellefonte, and a couple of South have suffered a heart attack, losing Sea hopefuls.

control of the car. the Association has previously con-Police have been instructed to tracted with Kenneth W. Marriner weeks and moved to strengthen the place violators under arrest and to Company of Boston. Mass., for the paid to the Centre county growers are as follows: for No. 1 medium wool, 52.5c per pound; for fine wool and rejections, 40c per pound. dealer and farmer, was well known onto each of his hands.

For the past several years the Cento are included among the survivors.

**Firemen In Church** states that due to the rainy season Called Into Action ers have had difficulty getting their

sheep sheared. However, it is expected that this year's pool will be somewhat larger than last year. The Association has arranged to church for a special service Sunday

load at Shope's Warehouse, Bellenight were called into action just The State College community fonte, from 7 a. m. to 3 p. m. Grow- as they were leaving the service. An War Bond Sales Top Fourth of July celebration this year ers are urged, insofar as possible alarm sent the men to the fire house again will feature the annual car- to bring in their own wool in order Fire In Loundry nival of the Alpha Fire Company that they might be present to disand then to the Evey farm, near the fish hatchery, where the flue of a scheduled to start Friday evening. cuss marketing, packaging, and othtourist's cabin was afire.

Are Announced

Damage estimated at about \$10 re- July 2, and continue on Saturday, er matters with W. B. Connell, Livevise them relative to producing a tended the church service responded chairman of the County War Sav-

> State College Civilian Defense units DEFENSE MEETING AT GAP

A regular meeting of the Pleasant been postponed for an indefinite Dr. Glenn, who joined the Marines Electric Diner, burned a table top company and the State College Civ- Gap Civilian Defense Council will be South Spring street, Bellefonte.

terday. (Continued on page Four)

FUUND IN STREAM nights. A softball game between the Air Forces and A. S. T. P. units has been

Hoffer, of Centre Hall and Belle-

fonte, who was Prothonotary of

Centre County from 1857 to 1860.

His mother was a daughter of the

Drifting Poultryman scheduled in the stadium at 2 p. m. Saturday, after which both groups will march to the parade ground on the College golf course for a mili-(Continued on Page Four)

Sea-Bee And Pals

The photo above, taken in a South ment for several years, had been go- Pacific setting, shows Donald Smith,

Seaman Smith, son of Mrs. Louise The victim, officials pointed out, Abt Smith, of West High street, suffered a fractured skull and a Bellefonte, better watch that stuff. fractured arm and other cuts and Thoes South Sea Islanders, we're bruises. One window of the car was told, have a way about them, and down and blood stains indicated that the first thing he knows he'll be the driver had left by that exit. getting off a boat in San Francisco Mr. Zetts, a well known poultry with a small brown fist hanging

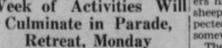
throughout Philipsburg, Snow Shoe His mother, we're able to report, and Moshannon areas. Four children would have no objection to "grandchildren" but she definitely objects to what she believes are traces of war paint on the cheek of that boy to the right. Come to think of it, the guy to the left doesn't look any too pleasant. Get that little tuft of black hair over the forehead? Pleasant Gap firemen who gath- And that trouser arrangement ered at the Pleasant Gap Methodist doesn't look very adequate.

# **Quota by 40 Per Cent**

Total War Bond sales in Centre Little damage resulted from the county during May topped the quota fire, it was reported by members of for the month by over 40 per cent, to the alarm in their parade uni- ings Staff, announced this week.

Success of last month's selling drive, Mr. Aikens said, was due to the fine sales in the Bellefonte area A meeting of members of the 28th directed by Horace J. Hartranft, disvicinity.

tre County Association has cooperatively marketed approximately a carload of wool, which amounts round 17,000 pounds. Mr. Dale and shortage of labor, many grow-



Week of Activities Will