

Pilot Bails Out As Plane Crashes

Veteran Airman fractures Ankle in Parachute Leap Near Coburn; "Thunderbolt" Fighter Plane is Demolished.

A Ferry Command pilot, Lt. Peter C. Smith, 32, who has been flying airplanes since he was 16 years old, and who has made a number of flights to foreign ports since entering the service in August 1942, estimated death near Coburn about 3 o'clock Thursday afternoon when he parachuted from his smoking P-47 Thunderbolt pursuit plane a few moments before it crashed.

SEEKS ELECTION TO COUNTY OFFICE

Jay Robinson, 28, Port Matilda, Candidate For Sheriff

A Port Matilda resident who is widely known throughout the county and state as an entertainer, this week announced himself a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Centre County.

The new candidate, who appears under the Democratic colors, is Jay Robinson, aged 28, of Port Matilda, widely known ventriloquist and imitator. Jay and his wooden "stoozer" Oscar O'Neill are known throughout the length and breadth of the county—as well as throughout the state, and in many other states besides.

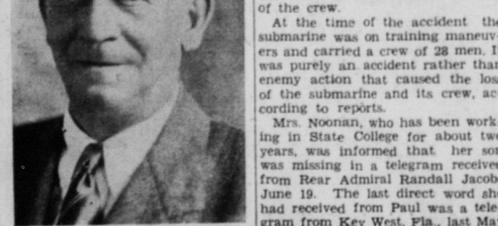
Jay always was interested in imitations and about four years ago he was granted an audition on a Major Bowes program. He "clicked" and was put in one of the Bowes units, which appeared in many of the leading cities of the east and midwest.

In recent months he has been appearing in defense areas, and on July 3 will begin a series of programs in the Akron, Ohio, area.

Jay has a good and valid reason for wishing to become Sheriff of Centre County.

Seeks Treasurership

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\$5,000 Loss In Barn Fire Near Howard

A large barn, two implement sheds, and a chicken house burned to the ground last Wednesday afternoon on the Serge Confer farm, three miles north of Howard, with a loss of about \$5,000.

The fire was discovered by Mrs. Confer about 1 p. m. and because there was no telephone available, a neighbor Samuel Poorman, who lives about a mile from the scene of the fire, drove to Howard and notified firemen.

In addition to the buildings, the flames consumed three hogs and about 50 chickens. Firemen from the Howard company were able to save another chicken house and protect the Confer home, located close by, by using water from two wells on the farm.

The origin of the fire is not known. Mr. Confer, who owns the farm which he and his family have occupied for many years, was working on a lumber job between Lock Haven and Renovo at the time. It is understood that some insurance was carried on the buildings.

BOMBER PILOT GREETED STATE COLLEGE FRIENDS

Pilot of a Consolidated C-87 "Liberator" four-engine Army transport which circled the State College Air Depot and then flew over State College late last Tuesday afternoon was Capt. Robert K. Baker, a former resident of the town, Sherm Lutz, airport manager, reported.

Capt. Baker, who was taught to fly by Mr. Lutz about 10 years ago, was formerly employed by American Airlines and is now serving in the Army Transport Command.

Making a test flight before being sent far to the south on APTC work, Capt. Baker dropped a penciled note at the State College field giving his best wishes to his old instructor and his State College friends.

Insurance Head



FRANK M. FISHER

Frank M. Fisher, of Centre Hall, well known Centre county insurance man, last week was chosen to head the Pennsylvania State Association of Mutual Fire Insurance companies.

The election of Mr. Fisher as president of the State Association took place during the thirty-seventh annual conference of mutual companies held June 21 and 22, at the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel, Philadelphia.

Other officers chosen were Archibald Kellogg, vice president, and Guy C. Eaby, re-elected secretary and treasurer.

Mr. Fisher's recognition is a well-deserved honor to a man who has long been identified with insurance work. He has a record of 40 years as director and 30 years as secretary of the Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Centre County.

WLB Denies Titan Workers' Increase

The National War Labor Board, acting upon a request made some time ago by employes of the Titan Metal Manufacturing Company, of Bellefonte, last Wednesday denied a request for an increase in wages.

According to reports, the request for an increase of 12 1/2 cents an hour was made nearly a year ago, but nothing was heard from the War Labor Board. Accordingly, the union at a recent meeting set June 19 at 7 p. m. as the deadline for taking action if definite word concerning the request had not been received by that time.

When the deadline passed and no word had been received from the WLB, the union met and took a "strike vote" which reportedly showed a 10 to 1 majority in favor of a strike if the WLB continued to fail to make some reply to the request for higher wages. A new deadline, Wednesday, June 23, was set and the strike was to have been called after that time if the WLB had not taken some action.

Union officials were quoted as saying that the WLB's reply last Wednesday, even though it did not grant the request, was "satisfactory."

FARM HELP NEED NOW IS ACUTE

Favorable weather and a heavy crop have increased the immediate need for farm workers in Centre County during the past few days.

The Emergency Farm Labor Assistant of the Agricultural Extension Service, Ralph H. Dale, states there is a need for all types of farm workers. Skilled help who can handle dairy cows, operate tractors and other types of farm equipment are needed, however during the next few weeks there is a need for any one who could help in the harvest field for a day or more at a time. In many cases women or girls who could help in the home are badly needed.

Mr. Dale urges all who could work part or full time, skilled or unskilled, men or women to contact the Emergency Farm Labor Office, 114 West High Street, Bellefonte, Telephone 2780, immediately. Contacts may also be made with members of the Centre County Emergency Farm Labor Committee who are as follows: W. C. Smeltzer, Bellefonte; Jesse Caum, Bellefonte; J. C. Shoemaker, State College; L. E. Biddle, Bellefonte; C. F. Eungard, Spring Mills; Victor A. Auman, Centre Hall; Glenn P. Rogers, Nittany.

Hay harvest on Centre County farms will be followed by wheat and then oats, all of which promise to be heavy crops thus requiring additional workers.

Need Volunteers to Sell War Stamps

At least 21 girl or boy volunteers are wanted to sell War Stamps at the G. C. Murphy Company War Stamp Booth during July, it was announced yesterday.

The July drive will open this Thursday morning.

To aid in the July effort the Murphy store has posted an award of \$10 in War Stamps to the boy or girl who sells the greatest amount of Stamps in one day during July, exclusive of Saturdays. Volunteer War Stamp "salesmen" are urged to register at once at the Murphy Store.

HOME DAMAGED BY EXPLOSION IN RANGE OVEN

Pint Jars of Peas Being Processed Break Under Steam Pressure

STOVE MOVED SIX INCHES BY BLAST

Iron Door Twisted, Kitchen Showered With Peas, Broken Glass

Mrs. C. Nevin Stamm, wife of the pastor of St. John's Reformed church, Bellefonte, had a narrow escape from possible serious injury Friday night when vegetables she was processing in an oven at her home on North Spring street, "exploded" and showered the kitchen with peas, scalding water, and shattered glass.

The blast was powerful enough to twist the heavy metal frame of the oven door, while the explosion was heard by many residents of West Curtin street as well as by families in the immediate neighborhood.

Mrs. Stamm had placed 16 pint jars of peas in the electric oven, and just a moment before the blast had looked inside the oven to see whether everything was in order. Closing the oven, she walked into an adjoining room when the explosion rocked the home.

Thirteen of the jars were demolished and their contents shot with great force around the walls and ceiling of the room. Three jars were blown out of the oven and landed on the floor without breaking, although they were damaged.

The accident was the first traffic mishap investigated by Motor Police at Pleasant Gap since June 16. It has been much longer than that since anyone in the County was injured in a horse runaway.

Outstanding Student



Miss Mary E. Swartz, (above) daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde G. Swartz, of East Logan Street, Bellefonte, member of the class which was graduated from the Bellefonte High School last week, averaged 94-plus out of a possible 100 during her four years in High School. She also won a scholarship and many prizes for outstanding achievement as a student.

Midnight Show at Plaza Theatre, July 4

A special July 4 midnight show will be presented at the Plaza theatre, Bellefonte, one minute after midnight, Sunday, manager, Fred Fisher announced yesterday.

The feature picture will be Laurel and Hardy in "The Jitterbug."

TURN WATER INTO SWIMMING POOL

Huge Basin Fills Slowly; Bath Houses Now Under Construction

Water was turned into the Hughes swimming pool on East Bishop street Tuesday night, for the first time in more than ten years, and the mammoth pool, once said to be the largest of its kind in the country, is slowly filling. It is hoped to have the pool filled in time for use during the Fourth of July weekend.

While water from the town mains is pouring in a steady stream into the vast concrete basin, members of the Undine Fire Company, which is sponsoring the reopening of the pool, Tuesday began the construction of bath houses, diving boards, ladders and railings at the property, and all necessary facilities are expected to be completed in time for use this weekend.

The pool is open to the use of the public. There will be no fees or charges of any kind for swimming. A committee from the Undine company is planning a dedicatory ceremony and water carnival during the weekend if the pool can be filled in time, a spokesman said yesterday.

Molly Walker, aged 7, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil A. Walker, of East Linn street, escaped with severe bruises about the left hand when it was caught in a wringer while she was at a neighbor's home. A physician was called to treat the injuries.

WOMAN HURT RUNAWAY IN PENN'S VALLEY

Mrs. H. E. Shirk, Centre Mill, Thrown From Wagon When Horse Bolts

SUFFERS FRACTURES OF RIBS AND SHOCK

Victim Brought to Hospital After Neighbors Give First Aid

When the horse she was driving ran away early Sunday morning, Mrs. Nellie K. Shirk, wife of H. F. Shirk, of Centre Hill, Spring Mills R. D., suffered several fractured ribs, bruises, and shock.

Mrs. Shirk, who is a patient at the Centre County Hospital, was hauling milk from the Shirk farm to the main highway when the horse became frightened and ran away. The animal, which supposedly became uncontrollable because of a loose shoe, pulled the wagon for some distance before Mrs. Shirk was thrown to the ground. The woman's grandson, who was with her, got off the wagon a moment before the horse ran away. The wagon was badly damaged.

Neighbors who went to Mrs. Shirk's assistance administered first aid until a physician summoned advised her removal to the hospital. The trip to Bellefonte was made in the Widdowson ambulance.

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Awarded Scholarship



R. Zane Carey

Beginning his first semester at Temple University, Philadelphia, this week, R. Zane Carey, 17, of Bellefonte, 1943 high school graduate, enters the first step toward a contemplated medical career. Chosen for scholastic ability, the young student was awarded a senatorial scholarship through the efforts of State Senator A. H. Letzler, of Houtzdale.

In addition to high scoring in senior participation in high school extracurricular activities, Carey has a shown remarkable skill as a pianist and pipe organist, to which he has given much of his time on public occasions. He is a son of Mrs. Francis Rine, of Willowbank street, and a grandson of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Showalter, East Lamb street.

Titan Plant Closes for Inventory, Repairs

The plant of the Titan Metal Company south of Bellefonte closed down on Sunday and will remain closed until Tuesday, July 6, for the semi-annual inventory and repair period.

For some time the Titan plant has been closed for about a week every six months to provide for inventory and equipment. The shut-down also enables Titan employes to have their vacations without disrupting work schedules.

In addition to inventory and repair work, the only workers on duty at the plant are a few whose presence is required to maintain plant and equipment in proper condition during the shut-down.

Under the agreement between employes and management, Titan workers who have been employed there for five years or more are entitled to 56 hours' vacation pay, while those who have worked at least one year receive 40 hours' vacation pay. Those in the first group number 390, while there are 212 in the one-year class, it was reported.

YOUTH WEEK IS BEING OBSERVED

Program Being Held in Milesburg Baptist Church

Youth Week is being observed this week in the Milesburg Baptist church.

At the worship service Sunday night, a large gilded key was presented to the president of the Baptist Youth Fellowship organization, by the Rev. Hewes W. Phillips, symbolizing the turning over the duties of the entire church and Sunday school to the youth.

Youth Week is part of the young people's training for future leadership in the church. It officially began with the presentation of the key last Sunday evening, and will continue until this Sunday evening, July 4, with a week of activities as follows:

Monday, monthly business meeting and social of Baptist Youth Fellowship was held.

Tuesday, Youth Week deacons met to consider a candidate for membership in the church.

Wednesday, mid-week prayer service.

County Hires Man to Watch 'Black Box'

Henry A. Brockerhoff, Centre County Civilian Defense chairman, and John Popson, chairman of the Bellefonte area, yesterday announced that Clark Brewer, of East Linn street, has been employed to serve as "black box" attendant from 1 to 9 a. m. daily. Mr. Brewer will begin his duties today, July 1.

Employment of a full time attendant from 1 to 9 a. m. will relieve volunteer watchers who have been serving four-hour shifts, from 1 to 5, and from 5 to 9 a. m. The salary of the new attendant will be paid by the Centre County Commissioners, since the "black box" is the sole air raid warning installation in the county.

A need still exists for volunteer watchers, officials said, for it is planned to reduce the time of the remaining volunteer shifts. Such reduction will require a greater number of watchers, but each will serve for a shorter period of time.

Electric Wringers Injure Two Children

Two Bellefonte youngsters were injured Monday when they caught their hands in electric washing machine wringers.

Thomas R. Wallace, aged 2, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas C. Wallace, of West Bishop street, suffered severe lacerations of the right hand when the member was caught in the wringer at his parental home. The child was taken to the Centre County Hospital dispensary where a number of stitches were required to close the wound.

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Local Nurse Now On Duty Overseas

Pittsburgh War Correspondent Interviews Lt. Catherine Ventre on Many Subjects, Including Romance and Souvenirs.

Lt. Catherine Ventre, graduate of the nurses' training school at the Centre County Hospital, Bellefonte, and for a number of years a member of the hospital nursing staff, who now is a nurse in the U. S. Army somewhere in England, occupied most of the space in Charles F. Danvers' column in the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, Saturday.

Danvers quotes Miss Ventre on a variety of subjects, ranging from romance to the collection of souvenirs. His report of the interview follows: "We went to the X-ray department and saw pictures of a compound fracture and then went to the surgical ward. Here the nurse on duty was 2nd Lt. Catherine Ventre, daughter of George Ventre of Altoona.

"Catherine is a graduate of the Centre County Hospital at Bellefonte and a capable little lady, though quiet. Officially, she's five feet tall. That's the Army requirements.

"Don't say I'm any less," she pleaded prettily. "I have to be five feet to be in the Army."

"I don't see as it makes any difference because she's very much in the Army now. But I'm quite sure she's five feet tall if she stands on tiptoe.

"The lieutenant will celebrate her first year in the Army July 1. Her brother, Frank, three brothers-in-law, and her fiance are also in the Army. Frank is a sergeant in the Engineers, stationed on the west coast."

"Catherine's fiance is Lt. A. M. (Continued on Page 12)

Becomes Candidate

P. B. "Ben" Meek (above) of State College, recently became a Democratic candidate for the office of Recorder of Deeds. He has had a long and varied career in business and served as tax collector of State College Borough for twelve years.

ALPHAS READY FOR CARNIVAL

Parade on Saturday Will Honor Civilian Defense Organizations

The Alpha Fire Company has completed plans for the annual State College Fourth of July celebration this weekend with indications that it will be the largest community celebration in the town's history. Residents are expected to stay at home because the present gas situation is more acute than ever.

The parade of Civilian Defense units at 6:15 p. m. Saturday with four bands will give the community its first opportunity to see and honor the civilians organized to carry out the many new duties imposed by the war. This parade of Centre county's third area will include defense units in State College, Lemont, Boalsburg, Pine Grove Mills, and Port Matilda.

Activities for the celebration will get under way Friday night and continue through Saturday and Monday on the South Allen street midway. With the greater part of the midway again under the huge canvas, the Alphas are prepared to operate the numerous attractions, (Continued on page 20)

Hand Injury Fatal to Beech Creek Native

An injury received Friday when her hand was caught in a clothes wringer proved fatal to Mrs. Olive Eliza Robb, 65, at the Jersey Shore hospital.

Mrs. Robb, widow of William J. Robb, resided with her brother-in-law, Perry A. Young. She was born at Beech Creek and was a member of the First Methodist church in Jersey Shore.

She is survived by four sons, Lloyd E. and Howard G. of Buffalo, N. Y.; Walter E. of Jersey Shore; Dale W. of Philadelphia; a daughter, Mrs. Lamont Overdurf, Albany, N. Y.; two brothers, Walter Miller, Mackeysville and George B. Miller, Clearfield; 14 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held today at 10 a. m. in charge of the Rev. W. W. Willard, Jr. Interment will be made in the Blanchard cemetery.

'Good Neighbors' Aid Unfortunate Farmer

Irvin R. Ebert, tenant on the Joel S. Royer farm near Zion which was badly damaged by a severe wind storm on June 1, has found that the "good neighbor" policy really exists in that section of Nittany Valley.

Faced with the task of practically rebuilding the home, the Eberts, and some of the outbuildings, Ebert soon found that he was not alone. Neighbors came to his farm and their many hands made light work of a task which otherwise might have dragged along for many months.

For the kindly act of his neighbors in helping him out, Mr. Ebert has asked us to express his sincere thanks.

Stores to Close All Day Monday, July 5

Although July 4th comes on Sunday, all stores, business places and banks in Bellefonte and vicinity will observe the holiday on Monday, July 5.

The postoffice lobby will remain open through the day, but the windows will close about 1 p. m. There will be no rural deliveries, and only the morning delivery will be made in Bellefonte, Postmaster George R. Meek said.

Stores and business places will remain open next Wednesday afternoon because of the Monday holiday.