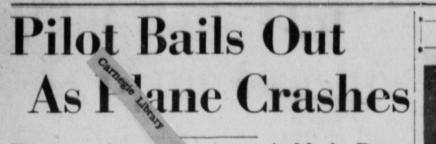




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Veteran Airman oactures Ankle in Parachute Leap Near Coburn; "Thunderbolt" Fighter Plane is Demolished.

A Ferry Command pilot, Lt. Peter he parachuted from his smoking P-C. Smith, 32, who has been flying 47 Thunderbolt pursuit plane a few airplanes since he was 16 years old, moments before it crashed.

and who has made a number of While military secrecy surrounds flights to foreign ports since enter- the cause of the plane's failure while ing the service in August 1942, es- on a flight from a base at Evansville, ed death near Coburn about 3 Ind., to an eastern base, it was reo'clock Thursday afternoon when ported that black smoke was een



## Matilda, Candidate For Sheriff

A Port Matilda resident who is for the office of Sheriff of Centre County

The new candidate, who appears widely known ventriloquist and imitator. Jay and his wooden "stooge" 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 lead ing cities of the east and midwest. In recent months he has been appearing in defense areas, and or

July 3 will begin a series of pro grams in the Akron, Ohio, area. Jay has a good and valid reaso for wishing to become Sheriff of

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Seeks Treasurership



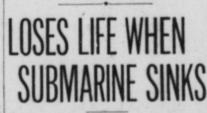
issuing from the plane as it sped east over the southern part of the county. As it neared Coburn the ship lost altitude and the smoke grew denser. Finally, it zoomed upward, FRANK M. FISHER rolled over upside down, and the Frank M. Fisher, of Centre Hall, pilot fell free. While Lt. Smith floated to earth well known Centre county insurance pastor of St. John's Reformed Mrs. Nellie K. Shirk, wife of H. F

the ship passed between houses own-ed by Mrs. Annie Kerstetter and the Pennsylvania State Association cape from possible serious injury William Grove, in Hartletown, a of Mutual Fire Insurance companies. Friday night when vegetables she Jay Robinson, 28, Port small community between Coburn The election of Mr. Fisher as presi- vas processing in an oven at her and Millheim, hit a tree, then plow-dent of the State Association took home on North Spring street, "ex-Centre Counyt Hospital, was hauling ed into the bank of Elk Creek a place during the thirty-seventh an- ploded" and showered the kitchen short distance from where that creek nual conference of mutual compan- with peas, scalding water, and shat-

joins Pine Creek. ies held June 21 and 22, at the Belle- tered glass. In the explosion which resulted a vue-Stratford Hotel, Philadelphia. The blast was powerful enough to A Port Mathda resident who is large hole was blasted in the earth Other officers chosen were Archibald twist the heavy metal frame of the uncontrollable because of a loose and state as an entertainer, this at the side of the creek. The plane Kelloch, vice president, and Guy C. oven door, while the explosion was shoe, pulled the wagon for some disweek announced himself a candidate was demolished, and practically Eaby re-elected secretary and treas- heard by many residents of West tance before Mrs. Shirk was thrown nothing remained intact with the urer.

exception of parts of the motor. Mr. Fisher's recognition is a well- in the immediate neighborhood. Lt. Smith came down in the moununder the Democratic colors, is Jay His parachute caught in the branch- work. He has a record of 40 years just a moment before the blast had damaged. es of a tree and he was thrown for- as director and 30 years as secre- looked inside the oven to see whethcibly against the tree. Then the tary of the Farmers' Mutual Fire or everything was in order. Closing Shirk's assistance administered first chute slipped off the branches and Insurance Company of Centre Coun- the oven, she walked into an adjoin- aid until a physician summoned adhe dropped the remaining 20 feet to ty.

the ground The pilot, native of St. Louis, Mo. who suffered fractures of two ankle WLB Denies Titan bones in the fall, hobbled to a near-(Continued on page Siz)



Mother Employed at State Labor Board. Accordingly, the College is Informed of Son's Death

Mrs. Noonan, who has been work-

ing in State College for about two

years, was informed that her son

was missing in a telegram received

from Rear Admiral Randall Jacobs

June 19. The last direct word she

had received from Paul was a tele-

gram from Key West, Pla., last May

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of the crew.

cording to reports.

Paul Louis Noonan, 19, seaman received by that time. When the deadline passed and no second class of Altoona, son of Mrs. Mary S. Noonan, an employe of the Allencrest, 105 W. Beaver avenue, "which reportedly showtim. He went down with the sub-"strike vote" which repoi tim. He went down with the sub-marine R-12 off the east coast. Loss of the craft, the oldest, of its type of the craft, the oldest of its type higher wages. A new deadline, in the navy, was officially announced Wednesday, June 23, was set and the last week. Seaman Noonan was one strike was to have been called after that time if the WLB had not taken At the time of the accident the some action. submarine was on training maneuv-Union officials were quoted as sayers and carried a crew of 28 men. It ing that the WLB's reply last Wedwas purely an accident rather than nesday, even though it did not grant enemy action that caused the loss the request, was "satisfactory. of the submarine and its crew, ac-

**Insurance** Head

HOME DAMAGED WOMAN HURT ISIUN IN RUNAWA PENN'S VALLEY IN KANGE UVEN Mrs. H. E. Shirk, Centre Pint Jars of Peas Being Mill, Thrown From Wag-**Processed Break Under** on When Horse Bolts Steam Pressure SUFFERS FRACTURES STOVE MOVED SIX OF RIBS AND SHOCK INCHES BY BLAST Victim Brought to Hos-Iron Door Twisted, Kit-

pital After Neighbors chen Showered With **Give First Aid** Peas, Broken Glass

Curtin street as well as by families to the ground. The woman's grand-

Mrs. C. Nevin Stamm, wife of the

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**Outstanding Student** 

the home.

When the horse she was driving

ran away early Sunday morning.

Shirk, of Centre Hill, Spring Mills

R. D., suffered several fractured ribs,

milk from the Shirk farm to the

main highway when the horse be-

came frightened and ran away. The

animal, which supposedly became

jured in a horse runaway

Program Being Held in

**Milesburg Baptist** 

Church

church.

school to the youth.

bruises, and shock.



R. Zane Carey

His report of the interview follows: Beginning his first semester at "We went to the X-ray depart-Temple University, Philadelphia, this ment and saw pictures of a comweek, R. Zane Carey, 17, of Belle- pound fracture and then went to the fonte, 1943 high school graduate, en- surgic il ward. Here the nurse on ters the first step toward a contem- duty sas 2nd Lt. Catherine Ventre, plated medical career. Chosen for daughter of George Ventre of Alscholastic ability, the young student toona.

variety of subjects, ranging from ro-

mance to the collection of souvenirs.

NAMES MEMBERS

was awarded a senatorial scholar- "Catherine is a graduate of the ship through the efforts of State Centre County Hospital at Bellefonte Sénator A. H. Letzler, of Houtzdale, and a capable little lady, though In addition to high scoring in senior quite. Officially, she's five feet tall. participation in high school extra- That's the Army requirements. curricular activities, Carey has 'Don't say I'm any less,' she pleadshown remarkable skill as a planist ed prettily. 'I have to be five feet to and pipe organist, to which he has be in the Army.'

given much of his time on public oc- "I don't see as it makes any diffcasions. He is a son of Mrs. Francis erence because she's very much in tains not far from Poe Paddy Park. long been identified with insurance jars of peas in the electric oven, and ran away. The wagon was badly Rine, of Willowbank street, and a the Army now. But I'm quite sure

## **Titan Plant Closes** for Inventory, Repairs

OF PRICE PANE The plant of the Titan Metal Company south of Bellefonte closed down on Sunday and will remain on the floor without breaking, al- since anyone in the County was in-

closed until Tuesday, July 6, for the Groups Will Assist in Rationing of Foods, Price semi-annual inventory and repair period. Control

For some time the Titan plant has been closed for about a week every six months to provide for inventor-

ies, and for repairs to machinery and the War Price and Rationing Board. College Borough for twelve years. equipment. The shut-down also en- a Price Panel has been appointed for ables Titan employes to have their Centre county, consisting of Mr. J.

acations without disrupting work M. Curtin, chairman; Mrs. Ray Noll chedules. In addition to inventory and re-pair crews, the only workers on duty chedules pair crews, the only workers on duty Watson of Milesburg: Betty Smith at the plant are a few whose pres- secretary. Also the following Price ence is required to maintain plant Panel assistants; Mrs. Harry Ross-

and equipment in proper condition man, Milesburg; Mrs. Ralph Blaney, during the shut-down. Bellefonte; Mrs. E. E. Widdowson, during the shut-down. Under the agreement between Bellefonte; Mrs. Frank Daly, Belleaployes and management, Titan fonte; Mrs. Dean Confer, Orviston, Parade on Saturday Will



SUBSCRIPTION-\$1.50 PER YEAR

# 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 she's five feet tall if she stands on the nurses' training school at the tiptoe

Centre County Hospital, Bellefonte, "The lieutenant will celebrate her and for a number of years a member first year in the Army July 1. Her of the hospital nursing staff, who brother, Frank, three brothers-innow is a nurse in the U.S. Army law, and her fiance are also in the somewhere in England, occupied Army. Frank is a sergeant in the most of the space in Charles F. Engineers, stationed on the west Danver's column in the Pittsburgh coast. Post Gazette, Saturday.

"Catherine's fiance is Lt. A. M Danvers quotes Miss Ventre on a (Continued on Page Siz)

**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 In order to improve the service of and served as tax collector of State



Honor Civilian Defense

Organizations

The Alpha Fire Company has

completed plans for the annual

State College Fourth of July celebra-

ty's third area will include defense

units in State College, Lemont,

continue through Saturday and

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great force around the walls and mishap investigated by Motor Police eiling of the room. Three jars were at Pleasant Gap since June 16. It blown out of the oven and landed has been much longer than that



12, in which he said he expected to Samuel A. Bierly (above) come home on leave; unfortunately, known resident of Rebersburg, last the trip home never materialized. week announced as a Democratic The young man last visited in Alcandidate for the office of County toona at Thanksgiving time. He was Treasurer. This is Mr. Bierly's first appearance as a candidate for county office. Lockjaw Fatal to

\$5,000 Loss In Barn Fire Near Howard

and a chicken house burned to the tre County Hospital at 1:57 a. m. is a need for all types of farm work- Fisher announced yesterday. ground last Wednesday afternoon on Monday, June 28, 1943, as the result ers. Skilled help who can handle the Serge Confer farm, three miles of lockjaw.

about \$5.000. The fire was discovered by Mrs. injury about one arm when he fell weeks there is a need for any one

there was no telephone available, a near his home on June 20. An infec- for a day or more at 'a time. In neighbor Samuel Poorman, who lives tion developed into lockjaw.

fire, drove to Howard and notified Charles Ripka, died March 20 of this Mr. Dale urges all who could work firemen

flames consumed three hogs and sisters. Shirley and Beatrice, both Emergency Farm Labor Office, 114 Huge Basin Fills Slowly; ers, since the "black box" is the sole about 50 chickens. Firemen from at home. Until last spring the Ripka West High Street, Bellefonte, Telethe Howard company were able to save another chicken house and pro-tect the Confer home, located close give, south of Bellefonte, leaving the location the Centre County Emergency Farm by, by using water from two wells farm after Mr. Ripka's death.

Woodycrest Man Is

on the farm. The origin of the fire is not known at the Goodhart Funeral Home, Caum, Bellefonte; J. C. Shoemaker, Mr. Confer, who owns the farm Centre Hall, Wednesday afternoon, State College; L. E. Biddle, Bellewhich he and his family have occu- followed by services in the Salem Re- fonte; C. F. Eungard, Spring Mills; pied for many years, was working on formed church near Penn Hall, with Victor A. Auman, Centre Hall; Glenn a lumber job between Lock Haven Rev. D. A. Downin, of Pleasant Gap, F. Rogers, Nittany, and Renovo at the time. It is un- officiating. Interment was made in derstood that some insurance was the Salem Reformed cemetery, carried on the buildings.

BOMBER PILOT GREETS STATE COLLEGE FRIENDS

**Charged with Assault** Pilot of a Consolidated C-87 "Lib-Henry Kennedy, 32, of Woodycrest, erator" four-engined Army trans-

port which circled the State College was held for court in default of \$800 Air Depot and then flew over State ball after arraignment Tuesday

Bellefonte. airport manager, reported. Capt. Baker, who was taught to fly Charges were brought by Charles nounced yesterday.

formerly employed by American Air- who testified that the defendant as- Thursday morning."

| county jail in default of bail. his State College friends.

FARM HELP NEED

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

According to reports, the request

or an increase of 121/2 cents an

our was made nearly a year ago,

but nothing was heard from the War

union at a recent meeting set June 19 at 7 p. m. as the deadline for taking action if definite word con-

cerning the request had not been

request for an increase in wages.



**Heavy Crop Increase Demand For Labor** 

Favorable weather conditions and Midnight Show at a heavy hay crop have increased the immediate need for farm workers in Nine-Year-Old Boy Centre County during the past few davs

will be presented at the Plaza thea-Robert Jasper Weaklem, 9-year-The Emergency Farm Labor Asild son of Mrs. Florence Shawver sistant of the Agricultural Extension tre, Bellefonte, one minute after A large barn, two implement sheds, Ripka, of Axemann, died at the Cen- Service, Ralph H. Dale, states there midnight, Sunday, manager Fred

north of Howard, with a loss of The youth, who was admitted to other types of farm equipment are the hospital on Sunday, suffered an needed, however during the next few Confer about 1 p. m. and because from the running board of a car who could help in the harvest field

many cases women or girls who could about a mile from the scene of the The boy's step-father, the late help in the home are badly needed. year in a Philadelphia hospital. Sur- part or full time, skilled or unskill-

In addition to the buildings, the vivors include his mother and two ed, men or women to contact the

Labor Committee who are as follows; Short funeral services were held W. C. Smeltzer, Bellefonte; Jesse

Hay harvest on Centre County farms will be followed by wheat and Fourth of July weekend. then oats, all of which promise to

be heavy crops thus requiring additional workers.

**Need Volunteers to** 

resident of the town, Sherm Lutz, fore 'Squire Harold D. Cowher, of the G. C. Murphy Company War weekend.

register at once at the Murphy Store. next two or three days.

The feature picture will be Laurel dairy cows, operate tractors and and Hardy in "The Jitterbug."

for outstanding achievement as a

Plaza Theatre, July 4

A special July 4 midnight show

student.

Bath Houses Now Under county

#### Construction

Water was turned into the Hughes swimming pool on East Bishop street moth pool, once said to be the largest

of its kind in the country, is slowly filling. It is hoped to have the pool Electric Wringers filled in time for use during the

While water from the town mains

the Undine Fire Company, which is their hands in electric washing ma- placed at the hosiery department of Stores to Close All sponsoring the reopening of the pool, chine wringers.

Stamp Booth during July, it was an- The pool is open to the use of the child was taken to the Centre Coun- shipping the articles which are col-

injuries.

by Mr. Lutz about 10 years ago, was E. Foster, Woodycrest storekeeper, The July drive will open this charges of any kind for swimming. number of stitches were required to A committee from the Undine com- close the wound.

Youth Week is being observed this workers who have been employed and Mrs. Eugene Krone, Clarence week in the Milesburg Baptist there for five years or more are en- The Food Panel has also been aptitled to 56 hours' vacation pay, pointed consisting of Mrs. B. O. Har-

Resumed

At the worship service Sunday while those who have worked at least vey, chairman, Miss Verna Ardery night, a large gilded key was pre- one year receive 40 hours' vacation and Mrs. C. M. Thompson, all of sented to the president of the Bap- pay. Those in the first group num- Bellefonte; Mrs. Paul Sheffer, sectist Youth Fellowship organization, ber 390, while there are 212 in the retary. by the Rev. Hewes W. Phillips, sym- one-year class, it was reported.

bolizing the turning over the duties of the entire church and Sunday GARBAGE MEN TO Youth Week is part of the young people's training for future leadership in the church. It officially be-GET MORE GAS gan with the presentation of the key

week.

last Sunday evening, and will continue until this Sunday evening, July 4. with a week of activities as fol-

High School last week, averaged 94- ing and social of Baptist Youth Fellowship was held. Tuesday, Youth Week deacons met

won a scholarship and many prizes to consider a candidate for member ship in the church. Resumption of twice-a-week col-Wednesday, mid-week prayer ser-

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### **County Hires Man** to Watch 'Black Box'

Henry A. Brockerhoff, Centre County Civilian Defense chairman,

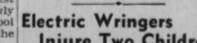
as "black box" attendant from 1 to made the rounds only once a week, headquarters. Twenty-five pounds of 9 a. m. daily. Mr. Brewer will begin or less. As a result, cans filled to yarn has been received for additionhis duties today, July 1. Employment of a full time attend- real menace during the exceptionally yarn should call Mrs. Walker. ant from 1 to 9 a. m. will relieve hot weather. volunteer watchers who have been The Lee Solt collection agency re- men, Phil Johnston and Roy Adams,

by the Centre County Commission- near future.

air raid warning installation in the SCOUTS TO COLLECT

A need still exists for voluntee watchers, officials said, for it is

for a shorter period of time,



is pouring in a steady stream into the vast concrete basin, members of injured Monday when they caught pose of collecting the jewelry were

Tuesday began the construction of Thomas R. Wallace, aged 2, son of Widmann & Teah, and Davison's Sell War Stamps bath houses, diving boards, ladders Mr. and Mrs. Thomas C. Wallace, of Candy store.

public. There will be no fees or ty Hospital dispensary where a lected.

HIL

## These panels have been set up for tion this weekend with indications the purpose of assisting in the ra- that it will be the largest community tioning of scarce foods, the obser- celebration in the town's history. vance of ceiling prices and to advise Residents are expected to stay at

of changes in food regulations of home because the present gas situa-OPA. The formation of these panels should be welcomed by both the public and the merchants as a help to both. The top prices will be post-ed in the community and also by all stores

Any complaints may be made to or the civilians organized to carry Monday, monthly business meet-ng and social of Baptist Youth Fel-in Ballafornto to Ba

in Bellefonte to Be to the proper authorities.

Boalsburg. Pine Grove Mills, and Red Cross Completes Port Matilda Month of Activities Activities for the celebration will get under way Friday night and

lection of garbage in Bellefonte borough was assured at a meeting here The monthly meeting of the Belle- Monday on the South Allen street Saturday afternoon when a representative of the ODT office in Al- fonte Chapter, American Red Cross, midway. With the greater part of toona reportedly recommended that was held in its new headquarters in the midway again under the huge collection agencies be given enough the basement of Petrikin Hall on canvas, the Alphas are prepared to gasoline to make collections twice-a- June 24.

operate the numerous attractions, The production department, under The meeting was held because of Mrs. William Emerick, reported all

public protests against a virtual articles required by the chapter for and John Popson, chairman of the breakdown of garbage collection ser- the present time completed and Hand Injury Fatal to Bellefonte area, yesterday announced vice here. Without any warning, ag- turned in. Mrs. Harrison Walker **Beech Creek Native** that Clark Brewer, of East Linn encies handling garbage discontin- stated 339 knitted articles completstreet, has been employed to serve ued twice-a-week collections and ed and sent in to Navy and Army

An injury received Friday when her hand was caught in a clothes overflowing and garbage became a al knitting, and anyone desiring wringer proved fatal to Mrs. Olive Eliza Robb, 65, at the Jersey Shore

The Disaster and First Aid chair- hospital. Mrs. Robb, widow of William J. serving four-hour shifts, from 1 to sumed twice-a-week service this are lining up a heavy schedule for Robb, resided with her brother-in-5, and from 5 to 9 a. m. The salary week, and the others also have or this work, pertaining to mobiliza- law, Perry A. Young. She was born of the new attendant will be paid are expected to follow suit in the tion, accident prevention and disas- at Beech Creek and was a member of the First Methodist church in

The home service division is busy Jersey Shore. as many inquiries and calls come in She is survived by four sons, Lloyd JUNK JEWELRY HERE to this group for information about E. and Howard G., of Buffalo, N. Y .;

soldiers in this county. Mrs. Alex Walter E., Jersey Shore; Dale W. Members of Girl Scout Troop No. Morris and Mrs. Osborne Lambert Philadelphia; a daughter, Mrs. Laplanned to reduce the time of the 1 of Bellefonte, led by Miss Mary are assisting Mrs. Fred Warner in mont Overdorf, Albany, N. Y.; two remaining volunteer shifts. Such re- Baum, have begun a project to col- this department, and have charge of brothers. Walter Miller, Mackeyville duction will require a greater num- lect "junk jewelry" to be sent to ser- communications. Anyone wishing and George B. Miller, Clearfield; 14 Tuesday night, for the first time in ber of watchers, but each will serve vice men. The Girl Scouts are solicit- communication service should coning the help of persons of Bellefonte tact Mrs. Morris or Mrs. Lambert. children.

and its community in collecting this The canteen service is doing a Funeral services will be held to-jewelry which is used with success splendid work under Mrs. E. Wid- day at 10 a. m. in charge of the Rev. bargaining with natives in many dowson and is ready to answer calls W. W. Willard, Jr. Interment will Injure Two Children of the countries in which Americans for canteen service. Already this be made in the Blanchard cemetery. group has served several large dinare fighting

ter in Bellefonte.

Yesterday containers for the pur- ners in town. the Murphy store, the Katz store,

At least 21 girl or boy volunteers and railings at the property, and all West Bishop street, suffered severe lection was received from the men's

Youth Struck by Cor

College late last Tuesday afternoon was Capt. Robert K. Baker, a former K. Baker, a former assault and battery at a hearing bewringer at his parental home. The The troop will bear the expense of observe the holiday on Monday, July in that section of Nittany Valley.

The postoffice lobby will remain rebuilding the home, the barn, and open through the day, but the win- some of the outbuildings, Ebert soon dows will close about 1 p. m. There found that he was not alone. Neighformerly employed by American Air-lines and is now serving in the Army Transport Command. Making a test flight before being sent far to the south on ATC work.

best wishes to his old instructor and Kennedy was returned to the War Stamp "salesmen" are urged to whether the pool can be filled in the A physician was called to treat the between Centre Hall and Centre noon because of the Monday holithanks

Irvin R. Ebert, tenant on the Joel S. Royer farm near Zion which was Although July 4th comes on Sun- badly damaged by a severe wind

Day Monday, July 5

Faced with the task of practically

'Good Neighbors' Aid

**Unfortunate Farmer** 

