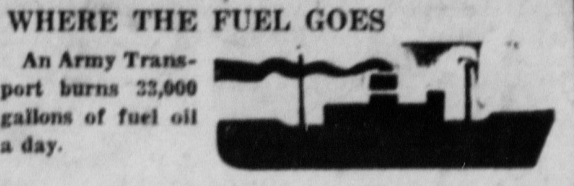


Where the Fuel Goes
A HEAVY BOMBER
cruising at a speed of 250
m.p.h. may use 200 gal-
lons of gasoline an hour.



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WHERE THE FUEL GOES
An Army Trans-
port burns 33,600
gallons of fuel oil
a day.



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Ration Boards Fix Registration Days

Applications for new Gasoline "A" Books and War Ration Book No. 4 to be Received October 20-22 at Schools in County.

Wednesday through Friday, October 20-22 inclusive, have been set aside as registration days for renewal of basic "A" gasoline ration books and for "War Ration Books No. 4." It was announced yesterday by the heads of the various Centre county rationing boards.

To obtain War Rationing Book No. 4 it will be necessary for at least one member of the family to apply at the distribution center in

PARALYSIS GROUP ELECTS OFFICERS

Two Local Nurses Receive Training in Kenny Method of Treatment

Mrs. Balser Weber, of Howard, was re-elected chairman at the annual meeting of the Centre county chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, held in the Brockhoff Hotel here Friday night.

Officers elected were Mrs. E. M. Grove, State College, secretary, and Willard K. McDowell, of Howard, treasurer. Mr. McDowell replaced Earl S. Orr of Bellefonte, who has served as treasurer for the past nine years and who felt that the work should be taken over by a new officer.

DIES ON VISIT TO GRAVE SITE

Ernest L. Stover Dies While Watching Workers Build Vault for Relative

Ernest L. Stover, well known retired farmer of Aaronsburg, died suddenly and unexpectedly at 3:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, October 12, 1943, at the Aaronsburg cemetery where he had gone to watch workers build a concrete vault for a relative.

Deceased was a son of George and Phoebe Musher Stover and was born in Haines township on April 2, 1872, making his age at time of death 71 years, 6 months and 9 days. He is survived by his wife, the former Rebecca Reed, and the following children: Ray, of Aaronsburg; Mrs. William Mingle and Carl Stover, both of Akron, Ohio; and Mrs. W. P. Caris of Williamsport, and 11 grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 Saturday morning at the Lutheran church in Aaronsburg, with the Rev. J. S. Shannon officiating. Interment will be made in the Lutheran cemetery, Aaronsburg. Mr. Stover was a member of the Aaronsburg Lutheran church.

Apartment Badly Damaged by Fire

A fire which swept through the Guy Bonfatto apartment on North Thomas street, Saturday afternoon, caused damage estimated at several thousand dollars. Flames gutted the lower floor used as a storeroom and caused considerable damage to the Bonfatto apartment above.

In the apartment at the time were the three Bonfatto children. The youngest, Rose, aged 3, who had been sleeping, was taken from the smoke-filled building by her sister, Josephine, aged 15. Mrs. Bonfatto was at the family grocery store on West High street and Mr. Bonfatto was at work at the Titan Metal plant when the blaze was discovered.

On the lower floor, a truck, considerable produce and a large refrigerator were present.

Country Club Holds Annual Meeting

Robert Morris, Jr., was elected a director of the Nittany Country Club at the annual meeting of that organization at the clubhouse at Hecla Park, Tuesday night. Directors re-elected for another year were George I. Furnell, Mahlon Robb and Frank Hockman.

All the club officers were re-elected for the ensuing year, as follows: W. W. Sieg, president; Russell P. Beezer, vice president, and Lewis Orvis Harvey, secretary and treasurer.

The meeting followed a dinner at which approximately 25 members were present.

TOWN SCHOOLS CLOSE BECAUSE OF DROUGHT

Clarence Faces Serious Problem Through Lack of Adequate Water

HOMES WITHOUT SERVICE FOR DAYS
Fire Hydrants Dry; Snow Shoe Supply Also Reported Low

Long-continued lack of rain in the Clarence area has resulted in a serious water shortage in that community, it was reported yesterday.

The Clarence schools were closed down indefinitely late last week. Most homes are completely without water service of any kind. A serious fire threat is present since the mains feeding the town's fire hydrants are bone dry. The threat to health also is causing some concern.

Only in the lowest sections of the town is there any water at all, it was reported yesterday. The Clarence Hosery Mill, located in a hollow at the lowest point in that vicinity, still has water, and some homes in the "low spots" have partial service, but for days on end the majority of homes have been without service.

Drinking water is being obtained from several wells while water for washing and other purposes must be hauled in from outside sources.

The town is served by the Clarence Water Company and the source of supply is a dam in the

For Prothonotary

Frederic G. Hoffer, of Phillipsburg, is a candidate for the office of Prothonotary.

Mr. Hoffer is a graduate of Penn State College and for eight years was employed as cost accountant for the Madeira Hill Coal Mining Company. He served as Deputy Revenue Collector for three years and is now serving as Chief Clerk in the County Commissioners' office.

Mr. Hoffer is a World War veteran, having served overseas. He is married to the former Dorothy S. Fryberger, daughter of the late Capt. C. T. Fryberger, Phillipsburg Civil War veteran, and there are two children in the family. He is a member of the Episcopal church.

Mr. Hoffer's educational background and experience eminently qualifies him to perform the duties of Prothonotary with dignity, honesty and efficiency.

BOARD STUDIES ASSESSOR LISTS

Many Names Dropped From Tax Lists This Year—See Loss in Revenue

Bellefonte's tax assessment and collection system, bolstered on one front, sprung a weakness at another point, it was revealed Monday night at a regular meeting of the School Board at the Supervising Principals' offices.

While the Finance Committee of the Board reported that the auditors and tax collector had worked out a new system of keeping tax records, Horace J. Hartranft, president of the Board, revealed that the 1943 tax duplicate shows a sharp decrease in names over the previous year.

Mr. Hartranft said some properties assessed last year do not appear on the 1943 duplicate; scores of men now in the service are not listed, and that many other names which properly should belong on the lists do not appear.

The School Board is of the opinion that the tax duplicates should contain the names of every adult person living or claiming residence in the Borough. Tax exemptions because a person is in service, is unable to pay, or for any other reason,

'Meet the Candidates' Theme of Supper

"Meet the Candidates" will be the theme of a program at a covered dish supper to be held in the YCOF Hall, Bellefonte, on Wednesday evening, October 20. It was announced yesterday by Miss Maude Miller, Democratic vice-chairman.

The supper is being held jointly by the Women's Democratic Club of Centre County, and the Democratic County Committee. Supper will be served at 7 p. m.

All the Democratic candidates including Miss Edna Marsden, Clearfield, candidate for Congress, will be present to meet and greet the diners. Miss Mildred Hockman of Bellefonte, will entertain with music and readings.

All members and friends of the sponsoring organizations are urged to attend. Price of admission will be 50 cents and a covered dish.

Rhinesmith Installs Bi-County Officers

Samuel D. Rhinesmith, of Bellefonte, District Commander of the American Legion, and his corps of aides, were in Bradford, Monday night, where they installed the officers of all the Legion Posts in McKean and Cameron Counties.

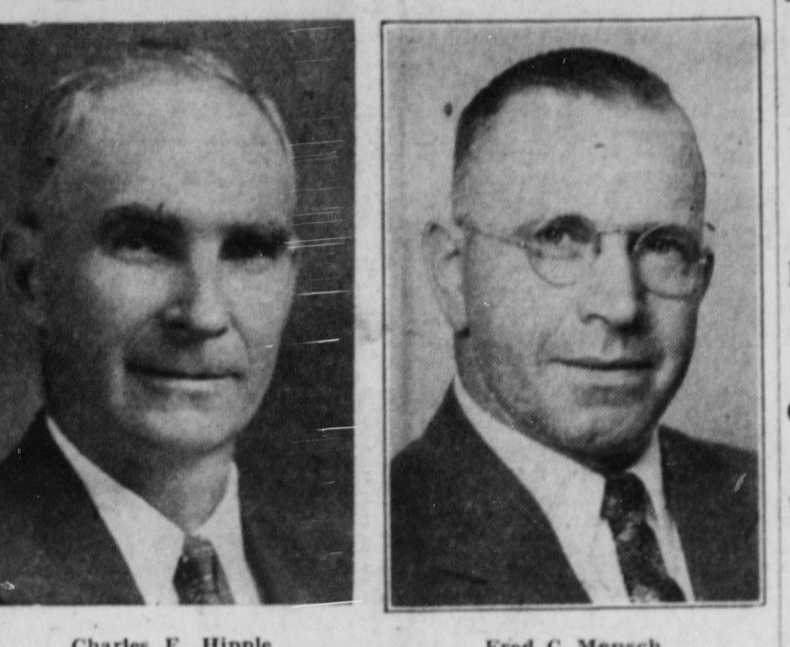
Members of the District Commanders' staff are: John Popson, Daniel Kellogg and Alex Stegiakis, all of Bellefonte, and Daniel Kruminer of State College.

AGED HOWARD MAN IS STRUCK BY AUTOMOBILE

Thomas Shope, 77, of Howard R. D. 2, was admitted to Centre County Hospital at 8:15 p. m. last Thursday after suffering injuries to his head and right arm when he was struck by an automobile.

His condition satisfactory, hospital attendants said yesterday.

For Careful Thought



A few days ago several persons were discussing the relative merits of the candidates for Commissioner of Centre County and one, who was a registered Republican, spoke up and said, "Surely every taxpayer knows it is to his interest to vote for the Democratic candidates." This gentleman was one of those intelligent voters whose vote in county and local elections is influenced by the individual merits of the candidate rather than his party label. Why did he make the statement he did? He was a taxpayer and had just recently received his tax notice and saw that his county and county institutional tax had been reduced.

Yes, Mr. Farmer, if your property is assessed at \$4000, your county and county institutional tax was \$12.00 less this year than last year. Yes, Mr. Home Owner, if your home is assessed at \$2000, your tax was \$6.00 less than last year, or a total saving to all the taxpayers of this county of \$48,000, a sizable saving indeed.

These are not mere words or idle campaign promises. These are accomplished facts. To verify them compare the figures on your 1943 tax notice with your 1942. You will find that on the 1943 card your county millage is listed at 6 mills while on your 1942 notice it was 7; your county institutional millage for 1943 will show 4 mills while your 1942 was 6 mills. Yes, a total saving of \$48,000, made possible by the efficient, constructive and conservative manner in which your money, Mr. Taxpayer, was handled.

What a man may do in the future may be judged by what his past record discloses. Charles F. Hipple and Fred C. Mensch were the majority members of the board when this saving was effected. They are candidates for re-election. Their candidacy in the light of their record should have the careful consideration of every taxpayer in the county when voting for this office.

HOSPITAL ENDS SUCCESSFUL YEAR

Encouraging Reports Heard at Annual Corporate Meeting

Despite wartime shortages of physicians, nurses, and other employees, and despite the fact that nearly two million babies were born there last year as the year previous, the Centre County Hospital is carrying on its full scope of service to the community, it developed Monday night at the annual meeting of the Hospital Corporation.

At the session William P. Sieg, Marvin J. Rothrock, John G. Love, J. M. Curtin and Henry A. Brockerhoff were unanimously re-elected as trustees of the hospital from the Bellefonte district, which consists of Bellefonte borough and Spring, Marion, Walker and Benner townships.

Election of the following three trustees from the State College district, which consists of State College borough and College, Ferguson, Halfmoon, Harris and Potter townships.

SNOW SHOE TOPS IN E BOND SALES

Highest honors for the sale during the Third War Loan drive of the popular priced "E" War Bonds went to the Snow Shoe district, according to an announcement by Claude G. Aikens, county War Savings chairman.

This district, under the leadership of Clair Hall, sold more than one \$25 bond for every man, woman and child in the district. Mr. Aikens said. The district quota was \$53,353 in E bonds and sales totaled \$78,860.

Centre county is third in the State in the relation of E bonds sold to the assigned quotas. It was learned this week while the campaign went over the top for total sales, the sale of the E bonds lagged all over the county, with few districts reaching their quotas. Centre county was within 15 per cent of its goal. Mr. Aikens said, being bettered only by Pike and Wayne counties.

WOMAN'S CLUBS TO MEET SATURDAY

Conference of County Unit to be Held at Bellefonte High School

All members of Centre County Federated Women's Clubs were advised today by Mrs. Edward R. Miles, president of the Bellefonte Women's Club, of a change in meeting place of the Centre County Conference on Saturday, October 16 at 10:30 a. m.

The conference will be held in the Bellefonte High School building, where luncheon also will be served by the Red Cross Canteen Corps of Bellefonte at 75 cents a plate. Reservations should be made for the luncheon with Mrs. Robert Eckenrode, telephone Bellefonte 2099, no later than Thursday evening, October 14.

Members of the Bellefonte club are urged to attend at least one session during the day, since the program as arranged will prove valuable and educational.

Mrs. A. W. Cowell, of State College, president of the County Federation, will be in charge of the sessions, and speakers will include Mrs. C. C. Peters, of State College, vice president of the north central district Federation of Women's Clubs, and Mrs. R. S. Kirby, of State College, county chairman of welfare for the federation.

Scrap Collection at Pleasant Gap

A scrap collection will be held in Pleasant Gap and vicinity from 5 to 7 o'clock Friday evening, October 15, it was announced yesterday by William J. Tucker, chairman of the salvage and waste committee in that community.

All kinds of scrap, including metals, tin cans, paper, rags and rubber will be included in the collection. Cans should be properly processed, and paper and rags should be tied in bundles to facilitate handling, Mr. Tucker said. Scrap materials should be set out on the front lawns or curbsides so the collection can proceed without delay.

The collection will be made by Boy Scouts who will use a truck to be provided for that purpose.

FLIER REPORTED DEAD MAY BE WAR PRISONER

Hope Based on Story of Bomber Crewman Now in Germany

CLAIMS HE SAW CREW LAND SAFELY

War Department Message Holds No Hope For Sgt. George Connelly

Although he has been reported killed in action in the European theater, local relatives hold some hope that Staff-Sgt. George Connelly, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Connelly, of Unionville, may be alive.

Sgt. Connelly was reported missing in action August 29, after the bomber of which he was a crew member, was shot down over German territory. Two weeks later his parents received a message from the War Department announcing that he was killed in action.

But some doubt as to the accuracy of the War Department report arose last week when the bombardier of the plane, now a prisoner of war in Germany, wrote to his wife in this country through the International Red Cross.

In his letter the bombardier is said to have reported that when the plane was shot down all members of the crew leaped out and were seen floating safely to the ground in

BLAIR FARMER, 61 KILLED BY BULL

Had Saved Daughter Earlier in Day From Animal's Onslaught

Gored unmercifully by an enraged bull about noon Tuesday, Joseph Blair, tenant on the P. W. Ake farm, Woodbury township, Blair county, died at the Mercy Hospital, Altoona, a few hours after the attack.

Farmer Blair suffered abrasions of the entire body, a fractured collarbone and a number of fractured ribs. His death is thought to have occurred from internal injuries.

Mr. Blair's daughter, Louise, had been attacked earlier in the day by the bull. Mr. Blair succeeded in driving it off with a pitch fork before injury befell the girl.

Mr. Blair was just returning with the herd of cattle, including the bull, from pasture and all of them were nearby in the barnyard when the large bull suddenly turned on its owner.

RECEIVE NEWS OF MISSING SOLDIER

Pfc. Joseph O'Leary Believed to Be in Hospital in North Africa

Belief that Pfc. Joseph O'Leary, Bellefonte youth reported missing in action last week in North Africa, is alive and not in enemy hands was established here last Thursday when his brother Philip received a letter from him.

The letter was written September 27, just 16 days after the date O'Leary was reported missing in action. Although the letter is typewritten, and contains little information about his condition or whereabouts, members of the family declare that the signature is his.

Relatives here believe that the soldier either is ill or wounded and that he is undergoing treatment in a North African hospital.

Tuesday of last week members of the family were informed by the War Department that he has been missing in action since September 11, October 1 the home service committee of the Bellefonte Chapter, American Red Cross, received a request from the Bellefonte man asking about his mother, Mrs. Daniel

CLAIM WIDE BASE RIMS ADD TO TIRE MILEAGE

The Keystone Tire Service, South Potter street, Bellefonte, has been named Centre county distributor for wide-base rims and wheels.

It is claimed that wide-base rims and wheels on your car or truck will add 20 per cent or more to the life of the tires, will improve the non-skid qualities, and will add to the stability, steering, traction and load-carrying capacity of your car.

Turn to the Keystone advertisement on another page of this issue and study the possibilities wide-base rims and wheels offer to you.

Mummers' Parade Here October 29

Chamber of Commerce Revives Annual Halloween Event; Prizes to be Awarded by Merchants; Gasoline Propelled Floats and Vehicles Banned.

Bellefonte—after a lapse of one year because of war conditions—will hold a mammoth "gasless" Halloween parade here on Friday evening, October 29, it was announced yesterday.

The parade, to be sponsored by the Retail Division of the Bellefonte Chamber of Commerce, will be similar to parades held in pre-war days with the exception that all gasoline-driven vehicles will be barred from the line of march. The parade will be open to mummers of all kinds, on foot, on horseback, in carriages, or in any other conveyances which don't require war-needed fuel.

The committee is making a special plea to mummers and to those who will be in the business area to witness the event, not to use gasoline to get to the parade.

The event promises to be fully as colorful as any in previous years, despite the fact that the fire companies, motor driven boats, automobiles and other fuel-using vehicles will be absent. The town's three bands, the Junior Legion Band, the Bellefonte High School Band and the VFW File and Drum Corps are expected to be in the line of march, and indications yesterday were that some novel, gas-less floats might be entered in competition for the prize.

The Retail Division committee is now engaged in preparing a list of prizes to be awarded for the best

COURT REDUCES TWO SENTENCES

Rockview Fugitives Win Plea For Lesser Terms For Escaping

Two prisoners at Western Penitentiary, Pittsburgh, celebrated Columbus Day in court here Tuesday, by obtaining substantial reduction of their sentences.

The men, Kenneth Reed and Charles Weaver, both at one time fugitives from Rockview prison, were entitled to the reduction in sentence because when they entered pleas of guilty in the Centre county court some years ago on charges of fleeing from Rockview, the total of their original sentences for various crimes was added together as the penalty for escaping—instead of the single sentence they were serving at the time they fled.

Reed originally was sentenced in Allegheny county June 6, 1930, to two sentences—one 2 to 4 years and the other 2 to 5 years. He was sent to prison for a total term of not less than 4 nor more than 12 years, as was the practice at that time.

On May 22, 1931, he was sent to Rockview, escaping from that prison on June 27, 1931. He was apprehended in Charlotte, N. C. on August 26, 1937 and was returned to this county in September that year. September 20, 1937, he appeared in court here and was sentenced by Judge M. Ward Fleming to serve from 4 to 12 years, at the expiration of his original term.

July 12, 1938 the Governor granted a commutation of his sentence and he was released on parole on August 6, 1938. On July 23, 1943, he was taken into custody and returned to the penitentiary for technical violation of parole.

Reed contended in court here that when he escaped from Rockview he was serving a 2 to 4 years term. Judge Ivan Walker found that his plea was according to law and resented him accordingly.

Weaver's case was the same in substance. He too was originally sentenced in Allegheny county to serve a total of 10 to 20 years on three separate counts of 5 to 10 years each, two of them running concurrently. He escaped from Rockview, was recaptured, sentenced, paroled and then drew a 1-to-7-year term in the Ohio penitentiary for grand larceny. On his release from there he was brought back to Pennsylvania for parole violation.

His sentence for escaping Rockview was reduced from 19 to 20 years to 5 to 10 years.

YOUTH VICTIM OF SHOOTING PRANK

Seriously Wounded While Demonstrating How to Shoot Japs

Jack Jones, an eleven-year-old Osceola Mills (Newtown) youth, is a patient in the Phillipsburg State Hospital suffering from a bullet wound accidentally inflicted by himself while playing with a revolver.

The boy was showing a companion how to shoot Japs when the revolver which he was demonstrating proved to be loaded and sent a bullet through his head. The shooting happened Friday afternoon, only a half hour after the boy left school.

He was removed to the State Hospital at once and his condition is reported as serious.

Unionville Women Make Contribution

A committee of women in Unionville borough interested in the Clearfield-Centre Counties Society for Crippled Children recently made a contribution of \$27 to the society.

The chairman of this committee, Mrs. Jacob C. Fox, and the treasurer, Miss Kate Smith, hereby wish to thank each and everyone who helped make this gift possible. The money will be used in the work of the clinics held at the State Hospital at Phillipsburg.

Contributors include the following citizens of Unionville:

Mrs. Harriet Askins, Mrs. George Bullock, Mrs. Howard Germaine, Miss Myra Eridawood, Mrs. Pierce Peters, Miss Ruth Parsons, J. B. Holtzworth, Mrs. Blanchard Holt, Miss Kate Smith, Mrs. Clark Williams, Forrest Bauder, Mrs. Harry Kerchner, Mrs. Boyd Lucas, Harry McElwain, Miss Mary Turner, Mrs. Lorenzo McElwain, Mrs. J. B. Stet, Mr. Walter Zahniser, Mr. and Mrs. J. Fox and Mr. and Mrs. J. R. W. Jans.

Ward Elected Head of Engineers Group

Wallace J. Ward, of Bellefonte, was elected president of the Centre County Engineers' Society at a meeting at the McPeely Brick Company clubhouse, Tuesday evening. The meeting followed an inspection tour of the plant.

Other officers named were: Joel E. Crouch, vice president, and Bayard Magee, secretary-treasurer.

Members of the executive committee are: Ray C. Noll, J. C. P. Hummel, Mr. Ward, Mr. Crouch, Mr. Magee, B. F. Nicodemus and E. W. Vars.

Paul Adams, land agent for the Gulf Oil Corp., stationed in Venezuela, gave a talk on that country.

NO ORGANIZATION MEETING OF HOSPITAL TRUSTEES

The annual organization meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Centre County Hospital, scheduled to have been held Tuesday night of this week, was not held because there were insufficient trustees present to constitute a quorum.

It is expected that a special meeting will be called by board president Ray C. Noll within the next few days.

LOVE TO SPEAK AT JULIAN CEREMONY

John G. Love to Give Address at Dedication of Honor Roll

John G. Love, of Bellefonte, past commander of Brooks-Doll Post, American Legion, will be the speaker at the dedication of the Julian and Huston Township Honor Roll, it was announced yesterday.

The ceremonies will be held at 2:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon, October 17, at the Honor Roll at the Julian postoffice. The names of thirty-six men from Julian and Huston township now appear on the roll.

Other speakers at the ceremony will include the Rev. O. Lee Gordon, of the Methodist church, Port Matilda, and the Rev. Joseph A. Weaver, of the United Brethren church, Port Matilda.

Boys' and Men's heavy all-wool sweaters and jackets. Ideal for work or dress. Made to sell for \$8.95. Specially priced at \$5.95. Wolf Furniture Co., Bellefonte.