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## Brush Valley Hit By Severe Storm

### Wind Described as 'Little Twister' Destroys Telephone Lines, and Uproots Many Large Trees; Area Is Still Without Telephone Communication.

A wind storm of more than average violence swept through Brush Valley Saturday afternoon, played havoc with telephone lines in the Rebersburg-Madisonburg area and bowled over a number of trees, most of them being uncut.

persons as having assumed the form of a "little twister" in Brush Valley. Other areas of the county had rain and wind, but nothing out of the ordinary.

The path of heaviest destruction is reported to be along the highway from Randall Bower's farm west of Rebersburg, into Rebersburg. There at least 15 of the Bell Telephone Company's poles were blown over and the wires are described as having been twisted and "tied in knots". All telephones in Rebersburg and Madisonburg, as well as in the surrounding territory have been out of operation since the storm, and it was reported yesterday that although repair crews had been working steadily, they were unable to venture a prediction as to when service would be restored.

Between Madisonburg and Rebersburg several large trees were blown over, while in the Millheim Narrows at least 12 giant pine trees were uprooted and hurled to the ground. Two large trees on the Frank Stover farm on the Smulton road were bowled over.

The West Penn Power company yesterday said five of its poles in Brush Valley were broken off at the base, but that the wires kept them from falling. The pole damage has been repaired, and there was no interruption in service, officials said.

### Complete Training



G. Jane Zahniser



Deris Ruth Meyer

The two Centre county girls shown above were members of the graduating class of the West Penn Hospital Nursing School, Pittsburgh, at commencement exercises held on Thursday evening, October 7.

Miss G. Jane Zahniser is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Zahniser, of Unionville, and was graduated from the Bellefonte High School in the class of 1940. She expects to remain at the West Penn Hospital for the required three months before taking her State Board examinations. After that Miss Zahniser hopes to enter Naval service.

Miss Meyer is daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Meyer, of Rebersburg, and was graduated from Rebersburg High School in the class of 1940. Her plans for the future are not definite at this time.

Miss Meyer was graduated from the Miles Township High School in 1939.

## BOX SOCIAL IS PLANNED BY P. T. A.

### Capt. Joseph M. Schmucker, of State Police, to be Speaker, Tuesday

The Bellefonte P. T. A. will be addressed by Capt. Joe M. Schmucker, of the State Police at Williamsport, at its regular meeting in the high school cafeteria at 7:30 Tuesday evening, October 26. The subject of his address will be "Juvenile Delinquency," with which Captain Schmucker is familiar by virtue of many years of experience in his position. Captain Schmucker will also touch briefly on the use and effects of the weed-drug, Marihuana.

Mrs. Louis Schach has kindly consented to present several musical numbers by a trio composed of Rev. Francis P. Davis, Ernest Martin and herself.

An added attraction of the evening (Continued on Page Four)

## Bellefonte Gets New Veterinarian

Dr. Samuel B. Guss, veterinarian, graduate of the University of Pennsylvania in March 1943, has located in Bellefonte and is temporarily residing at the Baum apartments, corner of Curtin and Allegheny streets.

Dr. Guss, native of Berks county, has been practicing with Dr. Muffly of Lewisburg, since his graduation.

## Axe Mann Cyclist Is Struck by Car

Russell Auman, 10, son of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Auman of "Irish Hollow" near Axemann, was injured Monday noon when he was struck by a car while riding a bicycle at the turn near the Axemann school house. The car was driven by Dr. M. W. Neidigh, of State College.

The boy, who received cuts and bruises about the right arm and a possible slight concussion was unconscious for a time.

## Noll Re-Elected Head of Hospital Board

Ray C. Noll, of Pleasant Gap, was re-elected president of the Centre County Hospital board of trustees at the annual organization meeting, Monday night.

John Love was named vice-president and Jesse H. Caum was re-elected secretary. The meeting was held in the Board Room at the County Hospital.

## THEATRE IS BADLY DAMAGED BY FIRE

### Three Firemen Injured Fighting Blaze in Building at Philipsburg

The Majestic Theatre at Philipsburg was badly damaged in a two-alarm fire which ravaged the building early Tuesday morning. Damage, not yet estimated, amounted to thousands of dollars.

Firemen were called from their beds at 6:30 o'clock when a man noticed smoke when he passed the building going to work. The alarm was turned in from a nearby corner signal box.

Ten minutes later another alarm sounded to summon additional firemen.

Three firemen were injured. One suffered a laceration of the head and two were overcome by smoke.

The fire started in a large lodge room above the motion picture house and burned through the floor into the theatre room and through the walls and ceiling of the lodge room.

The fire was difficult to fight because of the dense smoke which hampered the efforts of the fighters. (Continued on Page Four)

## Shull Sale at Millheim Grosses Over \$7,000

An exceptionally fine public sale was held Saturday at Millheim when the personal property and real estate of Mrs. Orville Shull was disposed of.

The personal property grossed more than \$1600 and the real estate was sold for about \$5,400, making a gross sale of about \$7,000. E. M. Smith, of State College, was the auctioneer.

## Bellefonte Football Player Is Injured

Thomas Beatty, Bellefonte High School football player, was admitted to the Centre County Hospital for treatment of an injury to the right knee suffered in Monday night's game with Jersey Shore.

Results of an x-ray examination made to determine the extent of the injury were not known yesterday.

## SGT. SHAWLEY OF MILESBURG REPORTED DEAD

### German Government Report Says American Killed in Action

### HAD BEEN OVERSEAS SINCE LAST JUNE

### Attended Bellefonte High School; Entered Service in August 1942

Staff Sergeant William L. Shawley, son of Daisy Shawley, of Milesburg, reported missing in action September 6, this week was reported by the American Red Cross to have been killed in action. The Red Cross received its information from the German government, it was said.

The young man lived with his grandmother, Mrs. Viola Shawley, in Milesburg, and entered the service on August 12, 1942. From New Cumberland he was assigned to the Air Force and was sent to Keeler Field, Miss. Later he was transferred to the Air Force technical school in Chicago, where he received silver wings on January 23, 1943.

He was graduated in aerial gunnery at Tyndall Field, Florida, but is reported to have been engaged in radio work at the time he lost.

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## STUDY EXPANSION OF LOCAL AIRPORT

### Council Hears Suggestion For Enlarging Facilities For Post-War Use

A suggestion for the possible post-war expansion of the Bellefonte airport was discussed at some length at a regular meeting of Borough Council Monday night after Earl B. Kusse, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, reported that the Allegheny Airlines is showing some interest in the town as a passenger stop on a line between Pittsburgh and Harrisburg.

Kusse added that in checking over the airport records he learned that a petition signed in 1931 to have the court vacate the township road from Garbricks to the Zion road was made absolute in 1937 and that the road in question could be vacated at any time.

Closing of the road, he said, would make available a tract about 1500 by 635 feet in size and would provide an additional 1000 feet of runway for the airport, he said. The facilities would then be ample to accommodate passenger planes.

The Allegheny Airlines will send a man here in the near future to go over the proposition, Mr. Kusse said. (Continued on Page Four)

## FAMILY QUARREL AIRED IN COURT

### Woman Sentenced for Assault and Battery on 12-Year-Old School Girl

A family feud which flared out in an altercation in the sixth grade of the Spring street school, September 29, ended in court here Monday morning and resulted in a woman being placed under suspended sentence for two years—with a clear-cut warning that further demonstrations will result in a jail term.

Defendant in the case is Mrs. DeSales Crawford Lambert, of East Lamb street, Bellefonte, who was charged with assault and battery on Barbara Rocky, 12-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Rocky, also of East Lamb street.

According to the story told in court by the Rocky girl, Mrs. Lambert walked into the school room, began an argument with the teacher, Mrs. Priscilla Poorman, who left the room. Mrs. Lambert then walked over to the Rocky girl, pulled her hair, scratched her face and

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## Grand Patriarch To Visit Bellefonte

Rodger W. Haas, Grand Patriarch of the I. O. O. F. will visit Bellefonte Encampment at its regular meeting Monday evening, October 25. It was announced yesterday.

The visit here Monday will be Mr. Haas' first official visit to any Encampment since his installation as Grand Patriarch. The committee for the meeting has planned a program of special music and refreshments. The special music will include the first public appearance of the Kiwanis singing group, a newly organized quartette of the Bellefonte Kiwanis Club.

## Deeds Speak Louder Than Words

Last Thursday one of our frequent callers came into the office in his best blustering manner and demanded to know what the Commissioners had been doing the other three years.

Apparently he had read the article in this paper about the savings of \$48,000 passed along to the taxpayers of Centre County through the reduction of the 1943 millage. His question was a fair one which he could have easily answered himself if he had examined the official Auditors' Reports, which had appeared in this paper and the Keystone Gazette, and which are on file in the Prothonotary's Office at the Court House. What they were doing was paying off the debts and reducing the bonded indebtedness of the County and the Institution District.

The former board of Commissioners built the County Home and placed upon the Institution District a bonded debt of \$127,000. At the beginning of their last year in office in addition to this debt they owed \$13,500 on outstanding notes. During the year they paid off \$15,000 on the bonded debt but the outstanding notes increased to \$41,500 bearing interest at 4% while the bonded debt rate was 2 1/2%. When the new board took office on the first Monday of 1940 there was a bonded debt of \$112,000, outstanding notes \$41,500, and amounts due Poor Districts of \$12,601.71. The new board reduced the rate of interest on the outstanding notes from 4% to 2 1/2% and in the first three years of their term paid off the outstanding notes, amounts due the Poor Districts and \$45,000 on the bonded indebtedness. These amounts, together with the payment on October 1 of this year of \$15,000, represented a total reduction of \$114,101.71.

In the case of the County when the new board took office on the first Monday of January, 1940 they found a bonded indebtedness of \$200,000 and unpaid bills of \$16,891.01. In three years they paid off the unpaid bills, \$60,000 on the bonded indebtedness and with the payment which will be paid November 1 of this year, the total reduction will be \$96,891.01. The combined reduction in the County and County Institution District will be \$210,992.72.

That is what the Commissioners were doing. These figures, if you question them, can be verified by the examination of the official Auditors' Reports on file in the Prothonotary's Office. They were prepared by a board of Auditors whose majority members were Republican, while the majority members of the Commissioners were Democratic.

Attempts will be made to divert your minds from the real issue in this campaign so far as the Commissioners' office is concerned. It is not a question of the Harding Administration, nor the Hoover Administration, nor the Roosevelt Administration, nor Harrisburg nor Washington. It is solely a question of Centre County and the record of Charles F. Hipple and Fred C. Mensch as disclosed by the official records of this County. They reduced the debt \$210,992.72 and in 1943 lowered your millage 3 mills, reducing the taxes this year \$48,000.

That is what they have accomplished in the past four years and they are presenting their case to you for your favorable consideration, in their candidacy for re-election for the next four years.

Deeds always speak louder than words.

## Gunners' Mate In Pacific Writes Own Views Concerning the War

A sailor's view of the war, and of the problems to be met after the war, are ably portrayed in a letter received Monday from Gunners' Mate second class John M. Fleming, son of former Judge and Mrs. M. Ward Fleming, of East Linn street, Bellefonte.

John, former well known Centre county newspaperman, enlisted in the Navy about two years ago, received his boot training at the Great Lakes Naval Training station and from there was sent to Baltimore, Md., where he was an instructor in gunnery until some months ago when he asked for and was granted appointment to active sea duty. Since then he has been on duty aboard a warship in the Pacific area.

Fleming began in the newspaper business as a writer on the Daily Journal, Philipsburg, and subsequently was employed on Bellefonte newspapers. He also worked on newspapers in Chicago and other cities before entering the service.

His letter, dated October 8, follows: "We were two months without mail and when it did come The Centre Democrat was very much appreciated, and very much appreciated. It is difficult to express in words how eagerly the home town paper is per-

## Two Bellefonte Men Enlist in Sea-Bees

Elmer Decker, manager of the Decker Motor Company, and Alexander Morris, III, traffic manager for the Titan Metal Company, left last night for Pittsburgh to begin training with the Sea-Bees. Both men, expected to be sent to Camp Peary, Va., to receive preliminary training.

Decker and Morris are volunteers and have received ratings as second class petty officers. They are classed as storekeepers.

Decker has been in charge of the Decker Motor Company here for some years and during his absence that business will be managed by his cousin, former Assemblyman John W. Decker, of Spring Mills, who also will continue his teaching duties at Spring Mills.

During her husband's absence, Mrs. Morris will continue her residence on East Curtin street, and this week accepted a position in the office of the Titan Metal Company. Before entering Titan employ nearly two years ago Mr. Morris was an employe of the Warner Company.

## Missing In Action



Fireman 1/c Taylor Billett

Taylor Billett, fireman first class, aged 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Billett, of Coleville, is "missing in action" in the performance of his duty and in the service of his country, according to a Navy Department telegram received by the youth's parents Monday.

Fireman Billett was lost in the Mediterranean theater of war and is believed to have been a member of the crew of the Destroyer U.S.S. Bristol, which last Thursday was

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## 58 COUNTY MEN ENTER SERVICE

### Bellefonte Board Sends 38, College Board 21 in October Call

Fifty-eight Centre county men from the two county draft boards passed final physical examinations for military service, at the Altoona examining center last week. No pre-earl Harbor fathers were included in the group, examined in the October call, draft officials said.

Of the county total for October, Draft Board No. 2, Bellefonte, furnished a total of 38 men; 14 of them being accepted for the Army, 23 for the Navy, and one for the Marine Corps.

The State College Board, No. 1, furnished 21 men, 10 of them being taken by the Army, 9 by the Navy, one by the Marine Corps, and one by the Air Corps.

The 23 Navy inductees from Board 2 left on the 8:01 p. m. train yesterday, while the Army contingent has been granted the usual three-week furlough and will leave for New Cumberland on Thursday, November 4.

The 9 men in the State College Board's Navy group left Monday while the 10-man Army unit will go to New Cumberland Tuesday, November 2.

From Board No. 2 Those who passed the Army examination and who will leave November 4 are:

- Peter P. Stania, Clarence, Kenneth Walker, Orviston, Paul B. Fink, Port Matilda, Donald J. Woodring, Port Matilda, John A. Balash, Clarence, Orlando B. Smith, Bellefonte, Leroy Young, Howard, Samuel H. Kunes, Jr., Howard, Harry N. Zerby, Bellefonte, Earl M. Perks, Philipsburg, Kenneth L. Bratton, Philipsburg. (Continued on page Four)

## REV. NEIL I. GRAY WEDS IN VIRGINIA

### Former Bellefonte Rector Officiates; Will Live in Hollidaysburg

Rev. Neil Irvin Gray, of Hollidaysburg, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Gray, of Wilcox street, Bellefonte, and Miss Elizabeth Frances Whitehead, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Robert M. Whitehead, of Kneppville, Va., were married Tuesday of last week.

The wedding took place in the Old Donation Episcopal church at Kempville, plans for the ceremony having been changed hastily a few hours before the scheduled time when the Emmanuel Protestant Episcopal church at Kempville, where the wedding was to have been held, burned to the ground.

Rev. Francis Gray, of Kempville, and Rev. Robert J. Sudlow, of Hokokus, N. J., formerly of Bellefonte, officiated at the ceremony. Rev. Sudlow lost vestments valued at more than \$100 when Emmanuel church burned.

Old Donation church was decorated with palms and white cut flowers. Mrs. G. B. Bryant played the wedding music, and Miss Susan Katherine Whitehead of Kempville. (Continued on Page Eight)

## Close Blanchard Schools, Monday

### Principal Takes Action When Pupils Contract Scarlet Fever; Building Being Fumigated; 14 Cases are Reported in Vicinity of Lock Haven.

The Consolidated Liberty township grade school and two-year high school at Blanchard was closed on Monday for an indefinite time because of an outbreak of scarlet fever in that community, it was reported yesterday.

Two cases have been reported to date, it was claimed. One victim is a daughter of Max Bechdel and the other is a son of Richard Heverly, both of Blanchard, it was said.

Schools were closed last Thursday and Friday because of Teachers' Institute, and on Monday morning the Blanchard school was not opened, the principal, Byron Richards, having issued the order. The school building is being thoroughly fumigated, it is said, and if no new cases develop in the area it is possible classes will be resumed in the near future, although yesterday there were no indications as to the probable date.

The school serves the residents of Blanchard as well as the outlying areas of Liberty township. Students are brought to school in two buses. There are five teachers, including the principal.

Nine cases of scarlet fever, which have developed since the first month have been quarantined by Health

Officer Charles W. Meuser, of Lock Haven. It was reported yesterday. There was one case of the disease in August but none in September, he reports.

Quarantined at present are the following: Doris Bickford, 12, who lives with her grandmother, Mrs. Lucy Mack, 6 Elm street; Kenneth, 7, Gary, 9, Margaret, 13, and Ethel, 15, children of Mr. and Mrs. M. C. (Continued on Page Eight)

## H. J. MARKLE DIES AT PLEASANT GAP

### Prominent Business Man Succumbs to Stroke; Funeral Sunday

Harvey James Markle, aged 71, well known Pleasant Gap business man, died unexpectedly at 12:45 o'clock Thursday afternoon, October 14, 1943, at his home in Pleasant Gap after a two day's illness.

Mr. Markle was stricken ill last Wednesday morning while on his way home from a business trip to Bellefonte. He stopped off at a home at Axemann to rest and while he was there a son, Eugene, stopped and assisted his father to his home where he suffered a stroke which proved fatal.

Mr. Markle was a son of Joseph and Amanda Garbrick Markle and was born at Hubersburg. He is survived by his wife, the former Mary Whitman, and three children: Blair R. of Curtin; Mrs. Fred Cori, Ward, Carl, Mrs. Harrison Tressler. (Continued on Page Four)

## WAR FUND DRIVE SCHEDULED SOON

### Welfare Fund And War Fund to Conduct Campaign in Bellefonte

A drive for funds for the War Fund and a revision of campaign plans for the Bellefonte Community Welfare Fund were announced yesterday by officers of new Bellefonte groups formed this week. The new organization, which will hold drives for the two groups at the same time, has been named the Bellefonte Community War Fund.

Judge Ivan Walker has been named honorary chairman, and C. C. Brown, chairman of the Community Welfare Fund, has been appointed to act as chairman in charge of the drive.

The quota for the Bellefonte Community Welfare Fund has been set at \$11,250 and the quota to Bellefonte for the National War Fund is \$8,850. Mrs. Mary Harvey Scott, secretary (Continued on Page Four)

## REGISTRATION FOR AIDE INSTRUCTION

### Applications To Be Received at Bellefonte, State College, This Weekend

Registration of Bellefonte and State College women wishing to enroll for the Red Cross Volunteer Nurses' Aide Corps training course will be held in chapter rooms of both towns this weekend, Mrs. William W. Sieg of Bellefonte, and Mrs. Robert McCall of State College, chairmen in charge, announced.

Registrants should apply in person at the Elks' building in State College or Petrijin Hall, Bellefonte, from 9 a. m. to noon Friday, and 7 to 9 p. m. Saturday, the chairmen said.

Applicants must be over 18 years of age, have a high school education or its equivalent, and must (Continued on page Seven)

## RUDY WETTSTEIN FOR SHERIFF

Centre county has two estimable candidates for Sheriff, and the pity 'tis that both cannot share the honor of election. "From my observation, and if increasing public opinion is to be relied on, Rudy Wettstein is forging to the front as a popular candidate. And well he should.

"Rudy Wettstein is a poor man who has successfully faced life's battles with a resolute heart and a word of good cheer. Without full possession of his arms he daily earns his bread by the sweat of his brow and supports his family in comfort. Never dismayed by what to many another man with less grit and determination would have meant defeat in life, Rudy has risen above his misfortunes and won deserving admiration of all who know him.

"In addition, Rudy Wettstein gives the best evidence of a well-balanced head, a discriminating mind, and of one who retains the confidence and esteem of his fellow-men. I think he is perfectly honest and fair-minded. Republican or Democrat, black or white, I am sure would receive the same courteous attention from Rudy. "That is Rudy Wettstein as I see him and many others are beginning to learn. He would make an ideal Sheriff and merits your support. He is a poor man and will appreciate your vote." "A ROOTER FOR RUDY."