

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.

The Centre Democrat

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 An Army Trans-
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2 County Men Die In Motor Crashes

Robert S. Ripka, 29, Prossertown, Fatally Injured Near Avis. David E. Long, 17, Howard, Succumbs After Car Overtakes.

Two single car accidents Sunday morning resulted fatally to two Centre county residents. Robert S. Ripka, 29, of Prossertown, near Belleville, father of five children, died about 3:30 o'clock Sunday morning in the Jersey Shore Hospital as the result of injuries suffered about 1 a. m. near Avis.

David E. Long, 17, of Howard, died in the Lock Haven Hospital at 5:25 o'clock Sunday afternoon, the result of head injuries received when his car overturned near Howard at 11:15 a. m.

Ripka's wife, Jean G. Ripka, 25, underwent treatment at the Jersey Shore Community Hospital for a fractured right wrist, fractured jaw and other injuries. Bruce Baney, 24, a passenger in the Ripka car, escaped with brush burns of the left leg.

The crash near Avis happened while the Ripka car was en route to Lock Haven. The machine left the road at the sharp curve east of the hill leading to Avis on Route 220, and crashed into a telephone pole. Ripka was thrown through the windshield, suffering a fractured skull. His wife and Baney remained in the car. The car was completely demolished.

Long, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Long, of Howard, had attended church services and had left friends at a Howard confectionery store a few minutes before the fatal accident happened.

He was driving alone in a 1930 Ford coupe, with cloth top, on a road just south of Howard, nearby the Whitrock stone loading tipples at Howard, and was rounding a right curve when the machine skidded on the wet macadam.

According to State Motor Police, the machine left the road and ran over an 18-inch embankment which caused it to roll over on its right side, throwing the driver out through the top. Long landed on the road and was fatally injured when his car struck a post and rolled back on its left side, a portion of the left side of the car top coming to rest on the youth's head.

William Leathers, who lives near the scene of the accident, was the first to reach the victim's side. Long

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HEAVY LOSS AS ZION BARN IS DESTROYED

Origin of Blaze on Melvin Zimmerman Farm Is Undetermined

MOST LIVESTOCK IS SAVED; CROPS BURN

Local Firemen Aid in Keeping Flames From Spreading

A large barn on the Melvin Zimmerman farm about one-half mile east of Zion was completely destroyed by fire of unknown origin shortly before noon, Friday, causing damage estimated at between \$8,000 and \$10,000.

Lost in the blaze, which was fanned by a steady wind from the west, were the 45-by-80-foot barn, two young cattle, 900 bushels of oats, 400 bushels of wheat, 30 tons of hay, a large straw stack, the silo and its contents, hay loader, hay rake, milk cooler, 1400 feet of new lumber, and a quantity of harness.

The blaze was discovered about 11:30 a. m. while the Zimmerman family was at dinner. Lewis Kerstetter of Centre Hall, driving along the highway south of the Zimmerman buildings, saw flames in the western side of the barn. He ran into the house, spread the alarm and assisted Mr. Zimmerman and his two sons in leading the stock out of the doomed building.

A team of horses was taken to safety and about 11 head of young cattle were driven out of the barn before the heat prevented further

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It's YOUR Money, and YOUR Business!

Arguments of good fellowship, party-clinging and appeals to personal friendship may have some justification in minor local offices, but the men who are elected to serve as County Commissioners must possess more than the quality of being "good fellows."

Their's is the job (important to you and to all of us) of handling the public money, which in reality is your money. No taxpayer wants that money squandered. He knows that when that occurs he must pay out of his own pocket MORE MONEY in taxes. And by the same line of reasoning, the less spending of public funds by those who handle it, the LESS TAXES there will be to pay.

So you see, Mr. Taxpayer, you are a stockholder in Centre County. Whether you've ever thought of it in that way or not, the business of the county is your business. How well you want that business conducted is entirely up to you.

When a good farmer or businessman hires someone to oversee or assist him on his farm, or in his business, as the case may be, he chooses the most competent applicant for the job. He is mainly interested in the applicant's experience and what his record has been in producing results. He wants someone who will look after his interests, and when he is fortunate enough to secure a person of that character he would be no more apt to dispense with his services than he would think of trading his best team of horses sight-unseen.

No matter whom you choose to conduct the business of the County, you are faced with the fact that you must contribute each year (by taxation) the funds with which to keep it operating. You probably don't like it, but it is a cold necessity. Therefore, the importance of having the right kind of men in the Commissioners' Office is plainly evident, and amounts to just this simple statement:

If the business of the County is conducted economically, you derive dividends in the form of REDUCED TAXES. If extravagance prevails, due to the inexperience of officials, or otherwise, you are compelled to reach into your pocket and produce additional taxes.

The present Commissioners, Messrs. Hipple and Mensch, are asking for re-election on their record for efficient and economical management of YOUR business. On the same principle that prompts you to look after your personal interests, they ask you to consider carefully the results accomplished by them in the past four years, and then decide whether it would be wise to make a change.

Here are the plain facts: The debt of \$382,992.72, inherited from the previous board, by careful management has been reduced to \$172,000.00, thus effecting a saving to taxpayers of the substantial sum of \$210,992.72. At the same time the affairs of the County have been conducted without impairment to any branch of its government.

These results were accomplished, Mr. Taxpayer, through plain, commonsense business methods by men of plain, commonsense business ability.

Good-fellowship may be all right on a pleasure trip, but the road known as "practical" is a safer one to travel, to secure economy and impartiality in the Commissioners' office.

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NAVY AIRMAN INJURED IN PLANE CRASH

Ship Falls While Leaving Local Airport; Pilot Has Broken Back

STUDENTS AID IN RESCUE OF FLIER

Huge Marine Transport Plane Sent Here For Damaged Craft

Belleville experienced a sample of Navy and Marine efficiency Sunday afternoon when a Navy artillery reconnaissance plane fell at the Belleville airport, injuring the pilot and badly damaging the plane.

The accident happened at 2 p. m. By 5:30 p. m. a huge Marine transport plane had flown here from Quantico, Va., the damaged plane had been loaded bodily into it, the injured pilot had been placed aboard, and the giant ship had roared away from the airport to begin the return trip to Virginia.

The reconnaissance plane was said to be Lt. A. Terzian, stationed at Quantico. His ship was one of a flight of eight similar planes which came down at the airport early Sunday afternoon. In taking off, Terzian's plane is said to have been caught in the "propeller wash" of another ship, and it lost flying speed, nosed down, and crashed into the ground.

Air Force trainees from Penn State, and pilots and employes of the airport who witnessed the crash ran to the plane and found the pilot wedged against the cockpit. Some

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Hallowe'en Fete To be Held Friday

Merchants Offer 101 Prizes for Best Costumes; S. D. Rhinesmith Announces Parade Plans; C. C. Brown to Head Judges.

Belleville's gala Hallowe'en parade sponsored by the local Chamber of Commerce, will be held tomorrow (Friday) night, with Samuel D. Rhinesmith as chief marshal. C. C. Brown is chairman of the judges' committee.

One hundred and one prizes offered by Belleville merchants will be distributed for the best costumes appearing in the line of march. Three musical organizations; the Belleville High School Band, the Legion Junior Band, and the VFW Pipe and Drum Corps will provide music for the occasion.

Officials announced yesterday that no gasoline-propelled vehicles will be permitted in the parade, and all political advertising is likewise banned. Vehicles propelled by non-radiated fuel or by horses, or other animals, are permitted, a spokesman said.

All mummies must assemble not later than 7 p. m. in the area of North Potter, North Thomas and West High streets. The parade will be formed there and will move promptly at 7:30 o'clock over the following route: On High street to Spring street, on Spring to Bishop, on Bishop to Allegheny, on Allegheny to Diamond, on High to Spring, on Spring to Howard, on Howard to Allegheny, on Allegheny to Diamond, and on High to Spring street where the parade will disband.

The route will carry the mummies twice before the judges' stand which will be erected in front of the YMCA building. As the mummies pass the judges' stand Boy Scouts and Girls Scouts will carry prize tickets to individuals or groups indicated by the judges. After the pa-

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Wins College Honor



DONALD A. WION

Scholastic honors in mechanical engineering were awarded at Penn State commencement exercises last week to Donald Wion, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Wion, of East Howard street, Belleville.

Friday of this week Wion will depart for Hartford, Conn., where he has accepted a position in the engineering department of the Hamilton Standard Propeller Company.

PLAN TO OBSERVE ARMISTICE DAY

Peace Day Service at the Episcopal Church; Public Service to be Brief

Under the sponsorship of the American Legion, war veterans of the Belleville vicinity are preparing for the annual observance of Armistice Day. It was announced yesterday.

The annual Peace Day service of the Legion will be held at the Episcopal church on Sunday morning, November 7, with Rev. Francis P. Davis, rector of the church, delivering the sermon. Members of the Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts will assemble at the Legion home, East Howard street, at 10:30 a. m., and will march in a body to the church, with the VFW Pipe and Drum Corps as escort.

Following the church service the Legion, VFW and their Auxiliaries will go to Clarence to take part in the Honor Roll dedication ceremony at that community.

The annual Armistice Day ceremonies here on Thursday, November 4, will be held at the church.

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ORGANIZE BAND AT SNOW SHOE

Group Makes First Public Appearance at War Fund Rally

The Snow Shoe Fire Company Band made its first public appearance at a War Fund rally in the Snow Shoe High School last Friday. The band was organized under the sponsorship of the fire company by Pat Moore, its director.

The group is composed of men, women and school boys as young as 12 years.

For the past three months the band has been rehearsing and expects to be available soon to appear at functions throughout the county and surrounding counties.

Rehearsals are held at the fire house Tuesday night of each week. The present personnel of the band is as follows:

Trombones, Lester Hesbly, Harry Shive; baritone, Able Softer, Ira Hall, Emro Drapcho; bass, Mike Kachik; bass drum, James Viehderoff; snare drum, Fred Shirkner; cornets, Mrs. Charles Harnish, Mrs. Paul Dougherty, Mrs. Harold McCloskey, David Hall, Jack Hall; alto, Sunny Shaw.

Mr. Shive is secretary of the organization.

Doe Tears Down Fence
 While Joe Kirschner, of Howard, game warden in that area, was out in the woods looking for game law violations, Sunday, a doe visited the Kirschner home in Howard and in trying to get out of the garden tore down most of the fence.

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LAUNCH SALE OF MOVIE TICKETS

Name Committees to Back Benefit Show of "This Is The Army"

At a meeting held Monday evening, Mayor Hardman P. Harris, chairman of the "First Nighters" committee of "This Is The Army" for the November 5 showing at the Plaza theatre, Belleville, appointed local persons and organizations to serve in making tickets available throughout the area.

Last week's announcement that "This Is The Army" is to be shown in Belleville met with enthusiastic response. The picture has the endorsement of press and public and is being hailed throughout the country as the entertainment sensation of the generation. The idea of a "First Night" event in Belleville with such an important attraction has created more than average appeal. As a result many citizens volunteered within a few minutes' time to aid by taking an active part in organizing a ticket placement group.

Practically every organized group, civic, fraternal, and industrial will set up ticket selling committees, with allotments being made to each on a basis that will insure general distribution. The Plaza theatre management has pointed out that the November 5th premiere will be a reserved seat affair only. No more tickets will be sold than will permit.

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Gap Club to Hold Forum, November 2

The Pleasant Gap Woman's Club will conduct a forum entitled "Post War Conditions," on Tuesday, November 2 at 8 p. m., in the school house.

The following phases will be discussed: "Foreign Relations," Lewis R. Lehart; "Manufacturing," Roy H. Adams; "Education," Eugene McDonald; "Civil Government," Musser Gietig; "Agriculture," W. J. Tucker, chairman.

The public is cordially invited to attend this program.

To Dedicate Honor Roll at Clarence

The citizens of the East Precinct of Snow Shoe Township are preparing to dedicate an Honor Roll of the men and women in service from that area, to be held at Clarence on Sunday, November 7, 1943, at 2 o'clock p. m. Speakers and music will be provided. The names appearing on the Roll, together with a brief history of the events will appear in next week's issue.

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I. O. O. F. INSTALLS NEW OFFICERS

Harry Raymond Becomes Noble Grand at Ceremony, Thursday

Harry Raymond of Belleville, was installed as noble grand of Subordinate Lodge No. 153, I. O. O. F., of Belleville, at ceremonies in the lodge hall last Thursday night. He succeeded Charles E. Jedon as head of the lodge.

Ceremonies were in charge of Charles B. Musser of Belleville, deputy grand master, and the installation team under his direction.

Other officers installed are: vice-grand, Lawrence N. McClure; recording secretary, Claude D. Heaton; financial secretary, Willis E. Wion; treasurer, Clyde M. Stewart.

Appointive officers installed are: warden, H. W. Showers; conductor, H. E. Garbrick; chaplain, R. E. Cronemiller; right scene supporter, Ralph Stover; left scene supporter, Charles Rockey; right supporter to the noble grand, Martin Ardey; left supporter to the noble grand, Jacob Hoy; right supporter to the noble grand, Martin Ardey.

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ILLNESS FATAL TO J. H. FRANCE

Funeral Services Yesterday for Founder of Refractories Companies

James H. France, widely known manufacturer of fire-clay products, died on Sunday, October 24, 1943, at his home in Phillipsburg after a year's illness.

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FIRE THREATENS SLEEPING FAMILY

Mother Awakes in Time to Carry Children From Smoke Danger

When Mrs. Emma Walker, wife of Charles Walker, tenant farmer on the Luther L. Smith farm, north of town, awoke last Wednesday morning she discovered her bedroom filled with smoke which threatened to strangle herself and three children who were asleep nearby.

With motherly instinct Mrs. Walker grabbed her children, who consist of a three-weeks-old baby, an 18-months-old daughter and a son 4 years old, and succeeded in getting them downstairs and outside the house where she placed them in the family car.

Returning to the house she found the kitchen threatened by fire which had originated near the stove. She succeeded in getting the fire under control by the time her husband arrived from the Smith farm where he had gone earlier in the morning to milk the cows.

The fire, which probably started from a defect in the stove, destroyed several articles of furniture including a sink, baby carriage, blankets, and some of the family clothing.

Sgt. Alfred Warner Dies in North Africa

Sgt. Alfred Warner, 3rd, a former employe of the Warner Company in Belleville, recently died in North Africa. It was learned this week by his cousin, Fred Warner of Belleville, that Sgt. Warner spent several years working at the company's lime plant in Belleville and became well known in town.

He left here several years ago for Alameda, California, where he studied aeronautics in preparation for an army career. He was a member of the 96th Bomber Squadron of the Army Air Forces. It is believed he spent some time in Sicily and became ill there but was transferred to a hospital in North Africa.

Sgt. Warner was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Warner of Wilmington, Del. The last letter received by Mrs. Fred Warner in Belleville was written in August. At that time he told Mrs. Warner he was recovering from an attack of dysentery.

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POULTRYMEN OF COUNTY TO MEET

Six Meetings Scheduled to Study Important Problems

Centre county poultrymen are holding a series of six meetings to study poultry problems, according to County Agricultural Extension Agent R. C. Blaney. More eggs for victory, or how to make feed go farther and how to take care of chickens this winter with less labor, will be the subject for discussion. The speaker, John Vandervort, Poultry Extension Specialist from State College, will illustrate his discussion with pictures.

The meetings will start promptly at 8 p. m. and will be held according to the following schedule: Friday evening, October 29, East Penns Valley High School, Millheim. Monday evening, November 1, Vocational School, Spring Mills.

Tuesday evening, November 2, High School Building, Rebersburg. Wednesday evening, November 3, Consolidated School, Lemont. Thursday evening, November 4, High School Building, Howard.

Friday evening, November 5, Court House, Belleville.

Due to the scarcity, poultrymen are faced with the problem of utilizing feed to the best possible advantage this coming winter. One of the major factors influencing egg production is housing conditions. Wet litter is a major problem during the middle of the winter. It is also important that poultrymen eliminate cull chickens as every hen must be a producer. These are some of the points that will be discussed in connection with these meetings.

DRIVE WORKERS TO MEET TONIGHT

Rally Will Launch Belleville Community War Drive

A rally to launch the Belleville Community War Drive, a combination of the National War Fund and the Belleville Community Welfare Fund, will be held at the Penn Belle Hotel at 6:30 o'clock tonight. Workers who will head the campaign will gather to receive instructions and to hear the program which has been planned for the event. The drive will begin with the completion of the program at the dinner.