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A HEAVY BOMBER
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lons of gasoline an hour.

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Christmas Funds Show Sharp Drop

1943 Total in County Banks \$38,600 Under 1942 Figure; War Bonds Purchases Assigned as Chief Reason.

Centre county's Christmas Savings fund this year, totaling approximately \$117,050, is about \$38,600 less than the total for 1942, despite increased earnings through war industries, a survey here yesterday indicated.

Bankers throughout the county were unanimous in their opinion that purchases of War Bonds during the year were almost entirely responsible for the decrease in the total of savings deposited each week during the year by county residents for the Christmas season.

A survey of the figures show that while the general trend was downward, some banks in the county maintained or even exceeded the Christmas funds of former years, although these cases were the exception rather than the rule.

In Bellefonte the three banks last year reported a total of \$34,200 as compared with this year's total of \$35,200. In State College the decrease was much more pronounced. There the two banks last year had a total of \$27,500. This year the total is only \$14,000.

Phillipsburg's First National Bank, always reporting the largest Christmas Fund of any bank in the county, this year showed the results of War Bond purchases, although the bank retained its customary lead over other banks. The total for this year is about \$69,000 as compared with \$85,500 last year.

Most banks will mail out Christmas Savings checks the first week in December. One bank, the First National at Centre Hall, already has mailed its checks. The Peoples' National at State College, calls its fund a Thrift Fund which can be paid out at any time during the year, but since most accounts are scheduled for Christmas payment the fund always is included in the annual Christmas Savings survey.

All the banks conducting Christmas Savings funds this year plan to continue the practice during 1944, insofar as could be learned yesterday.

MILESBERG MEN BAG HUGE BEAR

One of Nimrods Later Suffers Severe Laceration While Skinning Prize

One of the biggest black bear shot in Centre county in many years was bagged Wednesday last week by Ode Coadley and Donald Shawley of Milesburg, while they were hunting near what is known as "The Water Rock" near Yarnell.

The huge bear, a male, weighed 450 pounds after being "hog dressed," and was seven feet in length.

The men were together when they saw the bear crossing an adjoining ridge. Both of them fired at the animal and it dropped in its tracks, shot through the shoulder and heart.

With the aid of a right thumb, nearly severed in the hunt, Coadley in an opened automobile trunk and brought it to Bellefonte where it was on display at the Hippie implement store on North Water street.

Hundreds of persons, including many school children, visited the Hippie store to see the huge bear.

An unfortunate aftermath of the prize kill came Saturday when the two men were engaged in skinning the bear at the Andrew Shively farm in Buffalo Run Valley. While Shawley, an employee of the Hippie implement store, was engaged in cutting the hide the knife slipped and struck him on the right thumb, nearly severing the member. He was taken to the Centre County Hospital where he remained until late Sunday.

Because of the injury, Shawley will not be able to resume his work until the wound heals.

Following is a table showing the Christmas Savings Funds in all the county banks for 1943 and 1942:

Bellefonte	1943	1942
1st National	6,600	8,500
Trust Co.	15,600	16,000
Farmers Nat'l	13,900	13,200
State College		
Peoples' Nat'l	4,000	15,900
1st National	10,000	12,500
Port Matilda		
Community	1,400	2,100
Howard		
1st National	4,450	4,450
Centre Hall		
1st National	2,500	1,900
Phillipsburg		
1st National	60,900	85,500
Totals	\$117,050	\$155,650

CURTIN CHURCH TO DEDICATE FLAG

County's Oldest Methodist Church to Honor Com- munity's Soldiers

Historic Curtin Church, oldest Methodist church in this part of the state, will mark the Thanksgiving season with a special service on the afternoon of Sunday, October 28, 2:00 P. M. at which time the Church Honor Roll, Service Flag and an American Flag will be dedicated in honor of those of the church and community who have gone into the armed forces of the Nation.

The Honor Roll and Service Flag will be presented by Mrs. Stella King, and other women of the church who are preparing the Roll, and who are making the Service Flag, from materials used in the making of Service Flag of the church from the first World War, as a symbol of the spiritual unity and unity of purpose for which the soldiers.

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State College WAC Arrives in Italy

The first WAC to put foot on the continent of Europe was Private Lora O. Howison, Pittsburgh, who thinks it is "pretty wonderful" to be among the first contingent of WACS to arrive in Italy.

Private Howison with 54 other WACS, two officers and one Arab arrived while a buzz of excitement ran through the ranks of the newly made around Fifty Army headquarters.

Officers who led the WAC contingent are First Lieut. Cora Foster, State College, Pa., and Second Lieut. Miriam Butler, Reno, Nev.

Lieut. Foster, a school teacher at Gouverneur, N. Y., at the time of her enlistment, is a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Foster. Her father was a State College businessman. After graduation from Pennsylvania State College in 1928 she taught in Williamsport, Pa., schools.

Fire at Fraternity.

Fire which was started from a short-circuit in a fuse box caused slight damage at Navy-Marine barracks No. 29, the former Phi Kappa Sigma Fraternity, E. Beaver Avenue, State College, about 9 a. m. Saturday. Walls around the fuse box were blackened by the blaze, which was extinguished almost immediately. Members of the Alpha Fire Company answered the alarm.

WOMAN PILOT LEAPS TO AVOID PLANE WRECK

Bails Out Before Crash- ing Near Top of Tus- sey Mountain

FERRYING PLANE TO MIDDLETOWN FIELD

Escapes Unhurt Except For 3 Injured Fingers on Left Hand

Bernice Batten, 30, of Love's Field, Dallas, Texas, a member of the Women's Auxiliary Pilot Service late Sunday afternoon jumped to safety when the single-engine Army plane she was ferrying from Pittsburgh to Middletown, was buffeted by high winds over Centre county. Her plane crashed near the top of Tussey Mountain a mile above the Colerain state park and two miles south of Spruce Creek. Pilot Batten landed uninjured, 20 miles south of Bellefonte, and the plane crashed and burned nearby.

Pilot Batten, realizing she hadn't altitude enough to go over the mountain peak and that a crash was coming, leaped out of the plane to safety and was uninjured. Hunt-

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Howard Residents Injured in Crash

John T. Yarrison, Howard R. D. 1, and his sister, Ruth suffered cuts which required stitches in a collision at Bellefonte Avenue and Spring Street, Lock Haven, at midnight Saturday. The driver of the other car, Clair E. Munro, 406 S. Jones Street, was unhurt.

Mr. Yarrison had a cut about the right eye necessitating four stitches and one on either cheek each taking one stitch. Miss Yarrison had two cuts on the forehead requiring one and two stitches, two cuts on the nose each taking a stitch and suffered leg bruises. They were treated at the Lock Haven Hospital.

Mr. Munro was traveling east on the avenue and, he said, he stopped and waited until three cars passed him but did not see the Yarrison car approach as he turned left toward Spring St.

The Yarrison car front was considerably damaged and the left side of Mr. Munro's automobile was badly hit with all the glass broken.

Mill Hall Resident Succumbs To Injuries

Morris C. Smith, 72, of Mill Hall, injured in an automobile accident on Nov. 15 drive in the Williamsport Hospital at 3:55 o'clock Sunday morning as the result of a fractured skull.

The deceased was one of five Clinton County hunters involved in a crash while returning from a hunting trip near Canton. Their automobile left the highway and crashed over an embankment.

Mr. Smith's son, Bruce, a passenger in the car, escaped with a fractured shoulder blade and lacerations. The other occupants suffered only minor injuries.

Blanchard Woman Must Post Peace Bond

Pauline Waite, of Blanchard, was placed under suspended sentence for two years and was required to post a peace bond of \$500 in court here Monday morning when she pleaded guilty to charges of assault and battery and threats.

The prosecutor in the case was Anna May Rupert, also of Blanchard, who said the Waite girl attacked her and inflicted injuries which required medical attention and which caused her to lose several days' work. The defendant, in a statement to court, said the prosecutor had called her vile names, which led to the attack.

The sentence included restitution of \$20 to Anna Rupert—the amount she claimed because of a doctor bill and through loss of work.

Thanksgiving Day Service at Church Here

A Thanksgiving Day Community Service will be held in the Bellefonte Methodist church on Thursday, November 25 at 9 a. m. It was announced yesterday.

The service will be in charge of Rev. Harry C. Stenger, Jr., pastor of the church. The sermon will be delivered by the Rev. William C. Thompson, pastor of the Presbyterian church, and the Rev. Clarence E. Arnold, pastor of the Lutheran church, will offer prayer. The public is invited to attend.

TWO COUNTY GIRLS SCORE HIGH IN COLLEGE TEST

Miss Mary E. Swartz, Bellefonte, and Miss Mary Eldred Anderson of State College, are among eleven freshmen at Penn State who have been excused from taking English Composition I as a result of high scores made in an English placement test.

The 11 highest ranking students were in the 99 and 100 percentile groups, in contrast with the average percentile of 50. The 240 items in the test were divided as follows: spelling 50, vocabulary 100, punctuation 40, grammar and diction 50.

Less than one freshman in 65 was exempted in the incoming class of more than 700 students.

Woman Fractured Hip

Mrs. Nora O'Neil, who resides with her daughter, Mrs. Carrie Honiz, on East Military Avenue, State College, suffered a fracture of the left hip last Tuesday night when she fell in the living room of their apartment. Mrs. O'Neil was admitted to the Centre County Hospital here for treatment.

County Man Is Naval Chaplain

Lt. Homer F. Yearick, Native of Jackson- ville, on Permanent Duty at U. S. Naval Training Station, Sampson, N. Y.

Lt. (jg) Homer F. Yearick, so far as known, is the first Centre county native son to become a Naval Chaplain in the present war. He received his commission as Chaplain in the U. S. Naval Reserves on April 7, 1943, at the office of Naval Officer Procurement, Philadelphia. He was ordered to active duty on June 29, 1943, when he reported to the Naval Training School for Chaplains at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Va. Upon completion of the three months training course there, he was ordered to permanent duty at the U. S. Naval Training Station, Sampson, N. Y.

Chaplain Yearick is a native of Centre county, son of Ruby A. and G. Willard Yearick, and grandson of the late John W. Yearick, former well known resident of Bellefonte, and one time Commissioner of Centre county. Charlan Yearick was born at Jacksonville, and graduated from the Howard High School. He is a member of the Emanuel Evangelical and Reformed church at Jacksonville.

Chaplain Yearick married the former Lorraine Kline, daughter of Rev. L. E. Kline, who for six years was pastor of the Evangelical church at Howard. They have one daughter, Carolyn Gardner, 2 months old, and the family is together at present, living on the Station at Sampson, N. Y.

In 1940, Chaplain Yearick received

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Lt. Homer F. Yearick

LIST 5 CASES FOR GRAND JURY

3 Cases Involve Morals Charges; Jury to Meet Here Monday

Five bills of indictment are listed for presentation to the Grand Jury for the regular December Court when that body meets here Monday morning November 29. It was announced by the District Attorney's office yesterday.

Three of the five cases involve morals cases, one is an arson charge and the fifth is a charge of making false statements to obtain money or relief.

Next Wednesday the usual post-Grand Jury session of summary cases will be held before Judge Ivan Walker, the docket for the session including four cases.

Bills to be presented to the Grand Jury, Monday, are:

Walter Stine, Phillipsburg, f & b.

Joseph Smith Lock Haven, f & b.

Paul B. Weaver, Lemont, morals charge.

Henry Edward Schindler, Milesburg, arson.

Helen M. Grove, (Shuey) Bellefonte, R. D. False statements to obtain money or relief.

Summary cases listed for hearing Wednesday are:

Mary WWhite, Blanchard, Surety of the Peace.

F. B. Auman, Coburn, surety of the peace.

Carl Markle, Bellefonte, R. D., appeal.

Roy Crater, Aaronsburg, nonsupport.

PHILIPSBURG GIRL INJURED IN FIRE

Mary Kolosky in \$350,000 In- dustrial Blaze at Cleveland

Mary Helen Kolosky, 18-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Kolosky, of Cold Stream, near Phillipsburg, was one of the seventeen employees injured recently in the \$350,000 explosion and fire which wrecked the Warren Refining and Chemical Company at Cleveland, Ohio.

Four other women were killed in the fire. Mary was one of eight whose condition was serious enough to confine her to a hospital. She suffered from burns and the effects of smoke.

She has written home that she has been discharged from the hospital and that X-rays disclosed that everything is all right. She stated that she is nervous and that her chest pains her some when she breathes.

Mary was employed as a stenographer in the company's office. She left last spring, the second day after graduation from Phillipsburg High School.

The fire, one of Cleveland's worst, held up traffic over the Erie railroad for two and a half hours and was fought by nearly all the city's fire fighting equipment. Red Cross workers and a mobile unit were on duty at the blaze, which entirely wrecked the four-story brick building.

Stone Quarry To Close For Duration

The Thomsville Stone and Lime Company will suspend operation of its quarry in Buffalo Run Valley, it was announced this week by Ralph Champagne of Bellefonte, superintendent of the company's Bellefonte plant. The quarry will close in about two weeks as soon as loose stone is removed and will remain closed for the duration.

The reasons given for the action are shortages in manpower, materials and hauling equipment. The plant has been in operation for about two years supplying steel mills with fluxing stone. The company's main office is in Thomsville, near York.

Saxon Elected To Head Undine Firemen

For the sixth successive year Charles Saxon has been elected president of the Undine Fire Company. The election featured the annual meeting of the company at the Undine House, Tuesday night.

Other officers are: vice president, Joseph Bauer succeeding John Gillen; treasurer, Russell Beemer; secretary, Ned Ray succeeding William Brown; chief, Basil Doll; trustee for 3 years, Ralph Moerschbacher, and member of board of control, Charles Kellerman.

STUDENT SAFETY GROUP INSTALLED

Safety Patrol Formed in Pine Grove Mills Centralized School

John T. Taylor, Secretary of the Centre County Motor Club, in cooperation with the Pennsylvania State Police, represented by Corporal G. E. Shannon and Pvt. William C. Moran, on Friday, Nov. 24, installed the Student Safety Patrol in the Ferguson Township Centralized School at Pine Grove Mills. Professor James R. Frye, Principal of the school, introduced Mr. Taylor, at which time he asked the representative students who had been chosen to act as Safety Patrols to come to the front of the assembly room, after which Mr. Taylor explained the duties of the Centre County Motor Club to foster and encourage student patrols in order that the accident rate could be lowered in this vicinity. He then presented the belts and badges to the patrol.

Corporal G. E. Shannon was then presented to the students and explained the duties of the Safety Patrol and made clear to these young people the importance of preventing accidents. He also stated that the success of the patrol not only rested on the shoulders of the members but that it was an equal responsibility on each student to co-operate with their chosen leaders.

It is through experience such as this that the boys and girls of our community learn to know the members of the Pennsylvania State Police and to learn that they are the best friends they could have. Obedience to the law should spring from a desire to be helpful to others and should not be complied with solely because the person fears the consequences if he should violate the law.

The Centre County Motor Club is also encouraging Student Safety Patrols in a number of other schools throughout the county, all of whom are doing a very effective piece of work in reducing the number of accidents by automobile and other motor vehicles.

BHS Student Finds Wallet With \$156 In Local Theatre

A 17-year-old Bellefonte High School student, Tony Masullo, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Masullo, of North Spring Street, could well qualify as the honest man Diogenes might have been looking for.

Masullo, employed at the Plaza Theatre, was walking through the theatre late one night last week when he spied a wallet on the floor. Opening it, he found \$156 in currency, other negotiable papers and identification cards.

The youth immediately carried the wallet to Manager Fred Fisher, who from the cards learned the pocketbook was the property of James V. Leta, assistant manager of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company in Williamsport.

Mr. Leta, who was in Bellefonte on a business mission, was located at the Penn Belle Hotel, and didn't know he had lost the wallet until it was called to his attention by Mr. Fisher.

He received the wallet with its contents intact.

TITAN GIVEN 2ND RENEWAL OF "E" AWARD

Pennant With Two Stars Being Sent to Local War Industry

ADMIRAL PRAISES PLANT PERSONNEL

President W. P. Sieg Re- ceives Notification of New Honor

Continuing high production on war orders at the Titan Metal plant in Bellefonte have resulted in the company being awarded a renewal of the Army-Navy "E" Award, Admiral C. C. Bloch, chairman of the Navy Board for Production Awards, announced this week.

In recognition of the renewal of the award for the second time, a new pennant with a star for each of the two renewals is to be sent to the Titan plant.

In his letter to W. P. Sieg, president of the Titan Company, Admiral Bloch in announcing the new award, commends the men and women of Titan most highly for their latest achievement.

The text of Admiral Bloch's letter follows:

"At the last meeting of the Navy Board of Production Awards the question was taken up whether your company would be granted a renewal of the Army-Navy 'E' Award.

It is with great pleasure that I inform you that affirmative action was taken in the case of the Titan Metal Manufacturing Company. Accordingly, there is being forwarded to you a new pennant with two stars affixed, which you should receive in the near future.

"The men and women of the Titan Metal Manufacturing Company have achieved a signal honor by continuing their splendid production in such volume as to justify this renewal of their award. In the first instance it was difficult to win the Army-Navy 'E' and by meriting a second renewal, the management and employees have indicated their solid determination and ability to support our fighting forces by supplying the equipment which is necessary for ultimate victory.

"The Navy Department extends to each and every man and woman of your company its hearty congratulations on their accomplishment and desires to express a fervent hope that future production will be even more outstanding."

Give \$193.35 to War Fund

A total of \$193.35 has been raised by the solicitors of Port Matilda for the National War Fund Drive, Mrs. Edna R. Shultz, chairman reported last week. Solicitors were Mrs. George Sunday, Mrs. Clifford Kelly, Mrs. H. S. Williams, Miss Madeline Daughenbaugh, Miss Alice Orwick, and Mrs. Ellis Auman.

FARMER KOCHER WINS CORN CROWN

Penna. Furnace Grower Leads in Hybrid Corn Growing Contest

A crop of 102.81 bushels per acre won the corn growing championship of Centre county in the 1943 national DeKalb hybrid corn growing contest. It was learned this week.

John H. Kocher, of Pennsylvania Furnace, is the corn grower who has made this outstanding yield in this locality in competition in which over 10,000 farmers from 17 principal corn producing states participated, according to officials of this biggest corn yield competition.

Other big yields recorded were made by Calvin W. Shawley, Port Matilda, 85.40, and John M. Marshall, Pine Grove Mills, 62.70.

Mr. Kocher and several other farmers in this county certainly produced more than their share of the nation's record crop of more than 3,085,000,000 bushels of corn in the food front battle. The champ's yield is several times that of the estimated average yield for the United States of 32.7 bushels.

The county winner's corn was grown from Hybrid No. 422, and his yield calculated from the best five acres of corn on his farm. In recognition of his achievement the winner is being presented with an appropriate plaque by the DeKalb Agricultural Association.

CONCERT NETS ABOUT \$500 FOR HOSPITAL

Nearly 1000 persons attended the benefit concert of the Titan Male chorus of Bellefonte at the Bellefonte High School auditorium last Thursday night.

Ticket sales netted about \$500 for the Centre County Hospital, it is reported.

The chorus was directed by Mrs. Ernest Martin and George Stecker was accompanist. Thomas MaFarlane, of Pittsburgh, guest soloist, was heard in two groups of semi-classical and light operatic selections, and also sang several encores.

SCOTIA MAN CONTINUES INTERESTING HISTORY OF COUNTY 'GHOST TOWN'

The second installment of the history of Scotia being written by Harry M. Williams of Scotia, formerly of Bellefonte, appears below.

In this installment, Mr. Williams tells of prospecting operations in the area, of the building of the first washers and "company" houses, and tells how ore was transported and how mail was taken to and from the then-growing community.

After the deal was closed between Andrew Carnegie and Moses Thompson in 1880 a crew of five men were sent into the Barrens to what was then known as the River Hill ore lands to do some prospecting for ore and to see just where the largest amount of ore was.

The names of these five men were as follows: William Hastings, Frank Davis, William Farber, Thomas Heberling, and Daniel Chamberland, the latter being the foreman of the crew. This crew worked at the prospecting job from about the middle of February until the 15th of July, when all except Chamberland were sent back to Pennsylvania Furnace. Chamberland was retained to instruct the new crew of men on that kind of work which was new to them.

The new crew consisted of Thomas

Former Countian Heads Peace Now

Geo. W. Hartmann, 39, Chairman Pro Tem of Group Seeking Armistice. Legion Recom- mends Investigation. Hartmann Ran For Congress in 1936; Studied in Berlin.

"The Peace Now Movement" advertised locally in a county newspaper as a group which advocates an armistice now and a negotiated peace with the existing governments of warring nations, is being scrutinized by local veterans' groups and by others who are not convinced of the advisability of the movement.

Questions are being asked locally as to the loyalty of any group which seeks to destroy the definite policy of "unconditional surrender" being demanded of the Axis by the United Nations.

Since Hitler's only hope of winning World War II is to have the United Nations tire of war and sue for a negotiated peace, some groups in this area are of the belief that the Peace Now Movement may be designed to bring about a wave of sentiment for a negotiated peace—to save Hitler from the defeat he so richly deserves.

From various sources this newspaper has obtained information which we believe to be reliable, bearing question. We publish it here in unbiased form so readers may have an opportunity to know something of the movement and of its chairman pro tem, George W. Hartmann.

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CONCERT TO BE HELD DECEMBER 5

Silver Offering to Go to Fund For Organ Chimes at Lutheran Church

A concert by the orchestra of St. John's Lutheran Sunday school, Bellefonte, will be held in the church on Sunday evening, December 5, it was announced yesterday.

Proceeds from a silver offering at the concert will go to a fund for the purchase and installation, after the war, of chimes in the church organ.

The orchestra, which is directed by Nelson W. Billett, has been in continuous service at St. John's Sunday school for 20 years.

Program for the concert, to which the public is cordially invited, follows:

Festival Overture, by L. Fliegler—Orchestra.

Trumpet Solo, "Sweet and Short," by T. V. Short—Frank Hartranft.

"Falling Rose Leaves," Alma Sanders—Orchestra.

Clarinet Solo, "Beautiful Dreamer," Stephen Foster—Thomas DeHaas.

American Parade, "Triumphal March," Maurice Baron—Orchestra.

Clarinet Quartet, "Song Without Words," Mendelssohn—Mary Alice Hartranft, Richard Alters, Billie Woodring, Robert Alters.

Glória From Mass in B. Flat, H. Farmer—Orchestra.

Instrumental Duet, "The Holy City," S. Adams—Mrs. Lawrence McClure, Lawrence McClure.

March Pontificale by C. Guonod—Orchestra.

Accordion Duet: Selected—Thelma Heaton, Hermine Corl.

Graduation March, by Baron—Orchestra.

America United March, by Perry—Orchestra.

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Would Open Schools For Service Officers

A move to establish training schools for service officers for the American Legion was launched by members of Brooks-Doll Post No. 3 of Bellefonte and endorsed last week by the bi-county committee at a meeting at Phillipsburg.

The action seeks to provide schools to train men to look after veterans and their dependents with relation to the Federal government.

Copies of the resolution will be sent to all posts in the state as well as to members of the department executive committee and the department headquarters in Harrisburg. It is expected that the resolution will be considered at the annual convention in Uniontown in August of next year.

The move to establish the schools was presented in the same manner in which the proposal to move department headquarters from Philadelphia to Harrisburg was made. Brooks-Doll Post was also the originator of that action.

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