

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-
port burns 33,000
gallons of fuel oil
a day.

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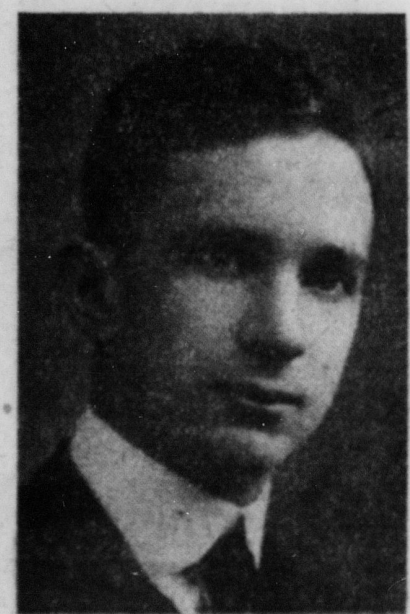
County Bond Sales One Million Short

Only 48 per cent of Quota Sold, With Drive
Ending February 15; Millheim District Is
Only One to Reach Quota.

Yesterday, as the Fourth War Loan campaign entered its final week, Centre county had not reached the halfway mark in its quota of \$1,943,000, it was reported by Claude G. Aikens, chairman of the county War Finance Committee.

JAMES A. FOX SUCCUMBS HERE

Prominent Local Druggist
Victim of Heart At-
tack at Home



James A. Fox, prominent local pharmacist, died suddenly at the family residence on Spring street, Saturday morning, February 5, 1944, of coronary thrombosis. His death came as a severe shock to his many friends and business associates. Mr. Fox was apparently in good health and in excellent spirits when he retired Friday evening. During the early hours of the morning he was suddenly seized with a cardiac attack and died before medical aid reached him.

Mr. Fox was born April 5, 1892, a son of Joseph and Mary Conroy Fox. He attended St. John's parochial school, the Bellefonte High School, and was graduated from the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy.

Chief Operator



Miss Sue Armstrong, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Armstrong, of East Bishop street, recently was named chief operator of the Bellefonte telephone exchange, succeeding Miss Hilda Haupt, who retired after 39 years of service with the company—most of that time as chief operator.

Rats, Lizzards, Mosquitos and Japs Annoy Guadalcanal Marines

Home for the first time since he left Bellefonte on July 2, 1942, to enter the Marines, Vic. Horace J. Hartranft, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Horace J. Hartranft, of East Linn street, brought with him recollections of frequent Japanese bombings on Guadalcanal, and tales of the primitive life Marines stationed on that Solomon Island are undergoing in their drive against the Japanese.

3 DEFENDANTS PLEAD GUILTY IN COURT HERE

Howard Youth Sentenced
in Paternity Case; Gap
Man Goes to Jail

MAN AND WIFE IN ASSAULT CHARGE

Controversy Resulted
From Death of Child
Two Years Ago

Two pleas of guilty were disposed of at a special session of Court here Monday morning and a defendant who had lost an appeal from a decision by a justice of the peace was sentenced in a motor code violation.

Richard E. Allison, 17, of Howard, entered a plea of guilty in a paternity case and was sentenced to pay the costs, a fine of \$25 for the use of the County Institution District, the lying-in expenses, and \$2 a week for seven years for the support of the child. He also was required to post an approved bond for \$500 to guarantee compliance with the court order.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry G. Shinfelt, of Phillipsburg, appeared in court on charges of assault and battery preferred by Joseph Parks, also of Phillipsburg. Parks said that while he was walking on Main street, Phillipsburg, Saturday night, November 27, 1943, Mrs. Shinfelt bumped his arm and accused him of killing her child. The woman slapped his face, he said, and he walked away. About an hour later Mr. Shinfelt stopped him and wanted to fight him for hitting his wife. Parks told the court when Parks walked away, Shinfelt struck him, the prosecutor said.

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Pre-Medical Grad



Miss June Carson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Carson, of Howard, was a member of the class to graduate from Dickinson Junior College, Carlisle, on January 28. Miss Carson will continue her studies in the pre-medical course at Pennsylvania State College.

She was graduated from Howard High School in 1942 with honors, and immediately entered Dickinson Junior College in the accelerated program of the school.

While at Dickinson, Miss Carson took an active part in all school activities.

Aikens Seeks GOP Convention Post

Petitions to have the name of Claude G. Aikens, of State College, placed on the ballot as a delegate to the Republican national convention are being circulated in the 23rd Congressional district, consisting of Centre, Blair and Clearfield counties.

Mr. Aikens was a candidate for the office four years ago but was defeated by Blair county candidates. In 1932 he was an alternate delegate. Centre county has not had a delegate to the convention since it was included in the congressional district with Blair county.

Col. Ardery Dies In Washington Hospital

Col. Edward D. Ardery, 60, since 1940 head of the department of Military Science and Tactics at Penn State, died at Walter Reed Hospital, Washington, D. C., at 3 p. m. on Tuesday, February 8, 1944. He had been on duty for two months because of illness.

Col. Ardery, West Point graduate, was a native of Nevada and is survived by his wife, Mrs. Florence A. Ardery; a daughter, Mrs. John T. Gilmore, of State College, and a son, Lt. Edward R. Ardery, of the U. S. Army.

Funeral services will be held in Washington today, followed by cremation. The ashes will be returned to West Point.

Married Sixty Years



Mr. and Mrs. James Clark, of Willowbank street, Bellefonte, on Monday quietly celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary at their home. Mr. Clark, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Clark, was born near State College on March 7, 1869, and will observe his 84th birthday next month. He is one of eleven children, of whom eight survive, their ages ranging from 67 to 93 years.

Mrs. Carrie Rumberger Clark was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Rumberger and was born at Stormstown on February 16, 1864, making her age 80 years. She has two sisters living in Tyrone, Mrs. Lydia Moore, aged 85, and Mrs. Blanchard Ross.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark have a son,

5 CASES LISTED FOR GRAND JURY

Bellefonte, R. D. Woman Charged With Involuntary Manslaughter

Five cases are listed for presentation to the February Grand Jury when that body meets here Monday, February 14, according to an announcement from the District Attorney's office.

The bills to be presented are: Josephine Armstrong, of Zion, involuntary manslaughter; Ira Hall, Sr., Snow Shoe, assault and battery; James Heath, Howard, F. & B. Alvin Baine, Phillipsburg, two separate charges of assault and battery.

The charge against Miss Armstrong is an outgrowth of an automobile accident at Hubersburg the 10 day before Christmas. Ray Detrich, 10 son of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Detrich, of Hubersburg, was walking home from a school Christmas entertainment when a car driven by Miss Armstrong ran around the right side of a car ahead and struck the boy, who died at the Centre County Hospital here on December 26.

Two cases are listed for disposal at a session of summary convictions court to be held before Judge Ivan Walker, Thursday, February 17. They are:

Harry D. Benner, Bellefonte, desertion and non-support; Alvin Baine, Phillipsburg, non-support.

State Official Is Kiwanis Speaker

James A. Kell, State Secretary of Forests and Waters, guest speaker at the Bellefonte Kiwanis Club meeting at the Penn Belle Hotel, Tuesday, declared that Centre county is specially identified with the activities of the department.

He pointed out that in addition to the service rendered the state by Charles E. Dorworth, of Bellefonte, who was secretary of the Department of Forests and Waters in the Fisher administration, Centre county is of particular interest to the department because it provides such a large area of lands suitable for state or county forests.

Mustering-Out Forms Now Available Here

Applications for men and women of World War II who have been honorably discharged from service are now available. It is announced by W. W. Hampton of Bellefonte, veteran's service officer. The applications are used to obtain "muster-out" pay, Mr. Hampton explains. Anyone wishing information concerning this or any detail of the veterans' service may see Mr. Hampton at the Veterans of Foreign Wars home at 19 South Spring street, Bellefonte, or may phone him at Bellefonte 2071.

—Buy Bonds for future needs.

BORO. STUDIES TWO GARBAGE SERVICE PLANS

Consider Exclusive Grant
to Private Agency, and
Municipal System

ASH REMOVAL IS LEFT TO CITIZENS

Council Orders Kofmans
to Remove Wilson
Street Building

With a total of 75 complaints received about the garbage collection system in Bellefonte during the past month, Council at a regular meeting, Monday night, proceeded with plans to revise the collection system, or, if that plan fails, to take over the service as a borough activity.

The matter was introduced at the meeting by Ralph Caparele of Coleville, who two years ago sold his collection route to James Walters, the present owner. Caparele said if he could obtain the townwide franchise, he would contract to collect garbage twice weekly in the summer months and once weekly in the winter months, at a cost to the average family of \$1.50 a month.

Caparele stipulated, however, that if he took over the garbage collection system, containers would have to be provided by the individual, all cans would have to be set on the curbs on collection days, and payments for service would have to be made in advance.

Councilman Teaman submitted a report his committee made in regard to the State College garbage collection system, which is operating satisfactorily, the committee said.

In that community, a borough truck with two men make collections twice weekly in the summer, once weekly in the winter, and all cans, provided by the individual, are placed on the ground level on collection days. Collectors are not required to ascend or descend steps in emptying pails into the truck.

Family service in State College costs \$1.50 a quarter, or \$5 a year, paid in advance.

On Yeoman Duty



Seaman 2/c Geraldine G. Bathgate, 23, recently spent a 48-hour leave with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Bathgate, of Snow Shoe.

Seaman Bathgate enlisted in the WAVES at Pittsburgh, Sept. 22, 1943. She was assigned to the training at Hunter's College, New York. At present she is stationed at Washington, D. C., doing yeoman work in the Navy Department.

Hospital Receives New Fracture Table

The Centre County Hospital recently received a modern fracture table, purchased through funds provided by the Titan Metal Company.

The fracture table is a kind of operating table designed specially to hold broken limbs in position while fractures are being reduced and plaster casts applied.

It is equipped with numerous adjustments, arms and devices which make it particularly suitable for fracture operations. The table has been assembled and will be ready for use in the near future.

In the application of casts it will eliminate the necessity for nurse or other aides to hold fractured limbs in place while casts are being applied, often a difficult operation.

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Prison Fugitives Caught, Sentenced

Pair Who Flew Saturday Captured Monday
In Philadelphia Theatre; Taken to Pitts-
burgh Yesterday to Begin New Sentences.

The first Rockview prison break in nearly six months brought short-lived freedom to two inmates during the weekend when a squad of Philadelphia detectives, acting on an "outside tip" surprised them as they arose from their seats to leave the New Palace theatre, 334 South street, Philadelphia, about 3 p. m. Monday.

The men, Gus Menetti, 27, member of the Philadelphia "Thrill Bandit" mob which terrorized that city in 1938, and Peter Andreyko, 33, a Carbon county bad man, appeared before Judge Ivan Walker at a special session of court here yesterday morning and entered pleas of guilty to escape charges.

Menetti was sentenced to serve from 5 to 15 years in the Western Penitentiary in Pittsburgh, and Andreyko drew a 3 to 6-year penalty at that institution. After sentencing, the men immediately began the trip to Pittsburgh in the custody of Sheriff Jerry Galanda and deputies.

In court neither man had anything to say in response to a question by Judge Walker. Menetti admitted that prior to his conviction in Philadelphia and another conviction in Chester county, he had served time in a reformatory. Andreyko admitted serving time at Huntingdon and Glenn Mills Industrial Schools prior to the sentence he was serving at Rockview.

The men were brought into court handcuffed together in the custody of Deputy Warden C. C. Rhoads and Rockview guards.

The pair, who escaped from Rockview about 8:15 Saturday morning, lost their brief freedom when Philadelphia Detective James McCullough said "We gotcha," as the two arose to leave the New Palace theatre where they had seen the movie "Guadalcanal Diary."

Handy with their guns during their separate criminal careers a few years ago, they were unarmed when captured in the theatre and offered no resistance.

Menetti and Andreyko were members of a work gang of prisoners who, each morning were taken to the woods between the prison and Buffalo Run Valley to chop trees near a sawmill.

They were wearing distinctive clothing: windbreakers, blue trousers, blue knit caps, and other heavy clothing needed for outdoor work in winter.

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War Bond Premiere Scheduled Sunday

Indications yesterday were that the Plaza theatre will be filled to capacity Sunday night for the War Bond premiere of "Madame Curie," admission for which will be a ticket indicating that the holder has purchased at least a \$25 War Bond since February 3, it was announced yesterday.

The doors of the Plaza theatre will open at 8:45 p. m. and the show will begin at 9 o'clock. There will be no reserved seats. No bonds will be sold at the theatre that night.

The program will include a brief address by Claude G. Aikens, of State College, chairman of the Centre County War Finance Committee, who will be introduced by Mayor Hardman P. Harris. The American Legion Junior orchestra will furnish music and ushers will be American Legion members in uniform.

Importance of purchasing War Bonds early in order to obtain tickets for the movie was stressed yesterday by Fred Fisher, theatre manager. Fisher said that only as many tickets as there are seats in the theatre have been printed, and that consequently everyone will be assured of a seat. When all the tickets have been issued to War Bond purchasers no more will be available.

Pvt. Richard Taylor Wounded In Action

Pvt. Richard D. Taylor, son of Captain E. R. Taylor, of East Howard street, was wounded in action in Italy on January 19, according to word received Tuesday by his father. No details were given.

Pvt. Taylor entered the service at Niagara Falls, N. Y., and received training at Fort Slocum, N. Y. He has been overseas since the original invasion of Africa in the fall of 1942.

Prior to entering the Army Pvt. Taylor was employed for a year in Niagara Falls, and before that time was an employee of the State Highway Department in Bellefonte. His wife is residing in Flint, Michigan.

Appropriation Approved

Requisitions for payment of \$875,000 from the motor license fund to the second-class townships have been prepared and approved by the Department of Highways, Secretary John U. Shroyer announced yesterday. The appropriation to each township is allocated for construction and maintenance of roads under the supervision of the township supervisors. Centre county townships will receive \$9,174.28.

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HAROLD COWHER DIES SUDDENLY

Succumbs to Heart Attack
in Office; Was Active in
Political Circles



Squire Harold D. Cowher, Bellefonte Justice of the Peace and prominent Republican leader in Centre county, died suddenly and unexpectedly in his office on West Bishop street at 10:20 o'clock Thursday morning, February 3, 1944.

Mr. Cowher, who had rooms at the Mrs. Jerome G. Harper residence on East Bishop street, drove down to his office about 10 a. m. and went inside, stepped out a rear door for a few moments and then returned.

George Brown, Bellefonte tax collector and his deputy, Mrs. Jean Bauer, who occupy office space in Mr. Cowher's office, heard a noise in the rear room as though Mr. Cowher had knocked something to the floor and when Mr. Cowher failed to appear Mr. Brown walked back and found him on the floor. A physician was immediately summoned and upon his arrival he declared that death had been virtually instantaneous. Mr. Cowher was known to have suffered in recent weeks from high blood pressure and a heart condition and he had been under medical care.

Centre County Coroner Charles Sheekler of Milesburg, conducted an investigation and pronounced death due to natural causes.

Harold D. Cowher, son of Daniel E. and Ida Baney Cowher, was born (Continued on Page 6)

Serves In WAVES



Seaman 1/c Mary Louise Teaman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Teaman, of East Howard street, Bellefonte, was home last Wednesday for a 48-hour leave.

Seaman Teaman was a clerk at Hoar's Dairy Store prior to enlisting in the service, and was sworn into the WAVES last April. She completed boot training at Hunter College in May, 1943, and was sent to Washington, D. C., where she has been stationed ever since.

Seaman Teaman now is a mate in a WAVES barracks, where her duties include taking all personal and official telephone calls for 184 girls making out daily reports and reporting those out. This is a temporary assignment, and she expects soon to become a storekeeper in ship service.