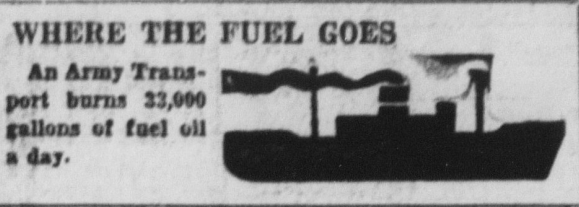




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## 2 COUNTY MEN ESCAPE DEATH IN ACCIDENT

### Car Skids Onto Railroad Track, Wheel Hooks Over Rail

### MACHINE STRUCK BY SLOW FREIGHT TRAIN

### Driver Remains in Car as Companion Leaps to Safety in Tyrone

Two Port Matilda men narrowly escaped death in a freak accident where one man had the tip of his nose gashed and another jumped from a car and ran around the side of it as an oncoming freight train plowed into the vehicle, the front wheel of which was wedged in a railroad track at Thirteenth street and Washington avenue, Tyrone, early Tuesday morning.

## CAR STRUCK ON GRADE CROSSING

### Pleasant Gap Woman Escapes Serious Injury as Car is Hit by Train

Mrs. Chester M. Rote, of Pleasant Gap, escaped serious injury about 1 o'clock Monday afternoon when her car was struck by a freight train while crossing the Pleasant Gap. Four empty cars of the train, which was proceeding from the Whiteoak plant to the quarries, were derailed by the impact.

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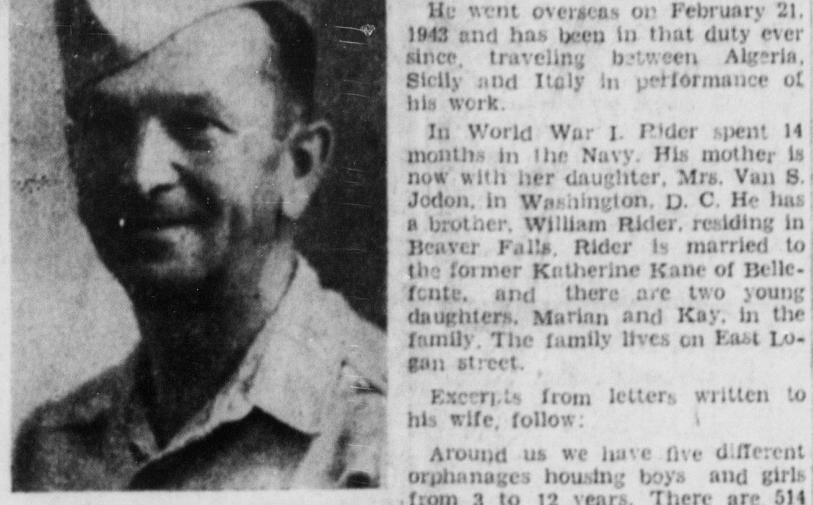
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Petty Officer 1/c Russell S. Rider

An interesting account of a Christmas party held by U. S. Navy men in the North African area for nearly 500 children in orphanages near a naval base presumably in Sicily or Italy, is given by First Class Petty Officer Russell S. Rider, of Bellefonte, who is in the Fleet Postoffice service.

## SNOW SHOE MAN GERMAN PRISONER

### Enemy Broadcast Heard by Mylesburg Woman is Officially Confirmed

Sgt. Robert L. Clink, of Snow Shoe, aerial gunner on a Flying Fortress who on January 26 was reported missing after a bombing mission over France, is believed to be a German prisoner of war.

## MILESBURG CLUB HOLDS MEETING

### Miss Brockerhoff and Mrs. Fred Warner Speak on Red Cross Work

Miss Margaret Brockerhoff, of State College, and Mrs. Fred Warner, of Bellefonte, were guest speakers at the monthly meeting of the Milesburg Women's Club at the Milesburg school house, Monday evening, February 14.

## STATE COLLEGE AIRMAN KILLED

### Lt. William H. Reish Dies in Asiatic Area; Was Transport Pilot

A former State College High School athlete, serving as a transport pilot in the Asiatic theater, was killed in action on February 9, according to a War Department message received Tuesday by his mother.

## MINISTERS' PLAN GETS APPROVAL

### School Board Favors Religious Education; To Begin With Fall Term

The Bellefonte school board, after consideration of preliminary plans presented by the local Ministerial Association for establishment of religious education classes in the local schools, Monday night instructed the association to proceed with plans for beginning such classes when schools open next fall.

## PAPER COLLECTION HERE FILLS RAILROAD CAR

A railroad boxcar loaded full of scrap paper is on its way to war industries today as the result of a newspaper collection conducted on Tuesday in Bellefonte, Pleasant Gap and Unionville, Karl E. Kusse, chairman of the local salvage and waste committee said yesterday.

## SEEK \$550,000 TO REOPEN ORE MINE AT SCOTIA

### RFC Expected to Approve \$450,000 Loan; \$100,000 Local Capital

### MAY BUILD NEW PROCESSING PLANT

### Power Lines, BCRR Spur Planned if Project Materializes

The Scotia ore banks, opened after the Revolutionary War and once the source of pig iron for Andrew Carnegie's Pittsburgh steel mills, may soon go into production again under the impetus of the wartime need for steel.

## REPAIR SCHOOLS AID TO FARMERS

### Classes Held Regularly for Repair of Farm Machines

Farmers are finding schools with Departments of Vocational Agriculture a great help. Three Centre county schools are now conducting night classes to help their farmers keep their equipment in good repair and to be ready for spring work.

## INFLATION MAY HALT FARM LOANS

### Centre County FSA Supervisor Warns of Hardship to Tenants

Inflation of land values in Centre county may cause the Farm Security Administration to cease making Farm Ownership loans here, K. J. M. Alexander, FSA County Supervisor, warned yesterday.

## CIRCULATE GINGERY PETITION FOR CONGRESS

### Blair and Clearfield Counties in Favor of Don Gingery for Congress

Petitions are being circulated in Blair and Clearfield counties in behalf of Don Gingery for the Democratic nomination for Congressman in the 23rd District, of which Centre county is a part. Mr. Gingery is a former congressman who was succeeded by James E. Venzell.

## CATHOLIC BAZAAR TO OPEN TONIGHT

### Annual Pre-Lenten Bazaar Sponsored by St. John's Catholic Church, Bellefonte, Will Open Tonight

The annual pre-Lenten bazaar sponsored by St. John's Catholic church, Bellefonte, will open tonight in the parochial school hall on East Bishop street. The bazaar will continue Friday and Saturday.

## Believe County Near Bond Quota

### Survey Reveals Sales Near \$1,943,000 Allocation; Sales to End of Month Assure Success; Five Districts Top Quotas

Centre county is believed to have met its thumping \$1,943,000 quota in the fourth War Loan Campaign, according to a survey completed yesterday.

## COUNTY FOOTBALL STAR IS MISSING

### Philipsburg Member of Bomber Crew Fails to Return From Raid

Mrs. Erna Hassinger, of Philipsburg, has been notified by the War Department that her son, Staff Sergeant Braydon Hassinger, is reported missing in action, since February 5. Hassinger, a member of a bomber crew in China, failed to return from a bombing trip on the Japs.

## LOCAL DAIRYMEN TO MEET HERE

### Centre County Producers Will Hear Important Problems Discussed

The annual Dairy Day for Centre county dairymen will be held in the Court House at Bellefonte next Thursday, February 24, according to County Agent R. C. Blaney. This program will have additional significance this year due to the importance of milk production in helping to provide food in our war effort.

## FIRE CAUSED \$100 DAMAGE NEAR TOWN

### Damage Estimated at More than \$100 Resulted from Fire at the Mrs. Earl Musser Home, 4 Miles East of Bellefonte

Damage estimated at more than \$100 resulted from a fire at the Mrs. Earl Musser home, 4 miles east of Bellefonte along the Jacksonville road about 1:30 p. m. last Thursday.

## CLUSTER'S DISCONTINUE HARDWARE BUSINESS

### The M. L. Cluster and Son Hardware Stores in Renovo, Jersey Shore and Bellefonte were Closed This Week

The M. L. Cluster and Son hardware stores in Renovo, Jersey Shore and Bellefonte were closed this week and the unsold stock in all the stores has been brought to the Bellefonte store on West High street where it will be disposed of at closing-out sale, beginning today.

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