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m.p.h. may use 200
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Pilot Is Killed In Plane Crash Here

Believe Failure of Motor, Used by Atmospheric Conditions; Light Power Lines Torn Down; Passenger in Plane Not Seriously Injured, Patient In Hospital

BULLETIN
A spokesman for the Salem Engineering Co., Youngstown, Ohio, owner of the plane which crashed here Sunday night, yesterday said that the plane was forced to an emergency landing because both motors failed.

He declared that it has been learned that the pilot had been having trouble with both motors on the trip to Belleville, first one, then the other motor, working improperly. When both of them failed at once over Belleville, the plane was forced down.

While it has not been officially determined what caused the motor failure, it is the belief among those connected with the investigation that formation of ice in the carburetors may have been the reason. The fact that both motors were affected in the same manner seems to give credence to the theory that atmospheric conditions and temperature may have been responsible.

An airplane dived across Belleville shortly before midnight, Sunday, its two motors beating out the steady roar to which Centre countyans for many years have been accustomed.

With startling suddenness the drone increased to a sharp roar as the pilot "gunned" the motors. The plane circled over Point McCoy with the motors cutting on and off. It swung southward toward Pleasant Gap, then circled again to return to Belleville.

As it neared the Hughes athletic field both motors went dead. The brilliant beams of landing lights in the wings knifed through the inky darkness. The big ship, rushing downward with the peculiar whistling swish of gliding airplanes, swooped over the athletic field. Its lights shone full on the front of the Ralph Owens home on East Bishop street.

The pilot swerved sharply to the right and the plane took a course directly over Bishop street. Its wings grazed the tops of trees and telephone poles. The machine was too wide to settle between the poles on either side of the road. It clipped a succession of trees and poles, turned over on its side, nosed down and

To Be Bombardier

A/6 Donald Cole Pinge



Mr. and Mrs. James Pinge, of West Curtin street, Belleville, this week received a letter from Col. W. A. Robertson, commandant at the Santa Ana Army Air Base, Santa Ana, California, informing them that their son, Donald Cole Pinge has qualified and has been selected for training as a bombardier in the Army Air Forces.

The letter explains that in order to be selected for the important training it is imperative that an individual possess very definite qualifications. His character, integrity and trustworthiness must be unimpeachable, as he is one of the few entrusted with the carefully guarded secrets of the famous U. S. bomb-sight. The work of a bombardier requires the highest degree of coordination between a keenly alert mind and a sound body. The success of every mission is dependent upon his skill, the letter points out.

Pinge will soon be assigned to an Army Air Forces West Coast Training Center bombardier school for an intensive course of instruction. Upon successful completion of the course, he will be awarded his wings and ratings as a qualified bombardier.

Aviation Cadet Pinge entered the service on July 31, 1943, and after spending two weeks at New Cumberland was sent to Amarillo, Texas, air base where he remained until October 1 when he departed for Reno, Nevada, to study at the University of Nevada. He is a graduate of the Belleville High School, class of 1942, and after school and during vacations assisted in his father's barber shop on West High street.

Son Listed as Missing

Word has been received by Mrs. Homer Hesk, of near Philadelphia, that her nephew, 2nd Lieut. Herbert E. Blowers, has been missing in action over Europe since January 30. He is a son of Mrs. Marie S. Blowers, of Shippensburg. The Blowers formerly lived in Philadelphia.

GUARDS FIND MAN DEAD IN PRISON CELL

Deputy Warden Reports Inmate Hanged Self With Short Piece of Rope

TERM WOULD HAVE EXPIRED IN JUNE

Is Reported to Have Left 'Several Notes'; County Coroner Called

The lifeless body of a Crawford county man, serving a term at Rockview penitentiary on a forgery charge, was found hanging in a cell at the prison early Monday morning by guards who were making the rounds to release prisoners for the day.

The man was Stanley D. Ross, aged about 34, of Mendville, whose maximum term on a 2½-to-5-year sentence would have expired in June of this year.

Deputy Warden C. G. Rhoads said Ross was a member of a group of men who were assigned to perform the milking at the prison dairy barns. He finished his regular chores shortly after midnight, Sunday, and was placed in his cell at 12:45 a. m. Monday. At that time he apparently was in his usual health and spirits, Deputy Rhoads said.

Monday morning when prisoners were being released from their cells to begin the day's work, guards found Ross' body hanging in its cell, an improvised noose having been made from a short piece of rope which Deputy Rhoads described as being similar to cow halters used at the dairy barns. He had anchored the rope to a projection in the cell wall and when found his feet were only a few inches from the floor.

The warden said the man was the lone occupant of the cell, that Ross was not known to have been having difficulty with any of the other prisoners. One inmate, Deputy Rhoads said, told officials that Ross had spoken vaguely about taking his life. The official added that Ross left "several notes," one of which was addressed to his mother in Mendville. The notes were forwarded without being read, Deputy Rhoads said.

Upon discovery of the body, the prison physician was called and Centre County Coroner Charles Sheekler, of Milesburg, was notified. The body was claimed by Ross' mother and was forwarded to Mendville for interment.

Coroner Sheekler said that no inquest would be necessary.

MOOSE HOME AGAIN DAMAGED BY FIRE

Sparks From Hole in Flue Damages Home Second Time Since Dec.

For the second time in slightly more than two months the Belleville Moose home on North Spring street was damaged by fire, about 11 o'clock Monday morning.

The blaze, discovered by Mrs. George R. Meek, who resides on the opposite side of the street, was burning the roof area around the chimney when Mrs. Meek discovered the flames and notified Walter Herring, lodge secretary, who was walking toward the home at the time.

A general alarm was sounded and both companies responded. Booster lines were carried to the roof on ladders and the blaze was soon under control. Total damage was estimated at approximately \$100. Firemen said that from evidences discovered while fighting the fire, a hole in the masonry chimney near the roof line, resulted probably from the destructive fire at the home on December 16, 1943. It is believed that a short time after janitor William Lucas opened the furnace drafts sparks were carried through the hole to lodge in the roof timbers.

In the December fire the first and second floors of the home were badly damaged. Temporary repairs have been made so that portions of the building are in use. Permanent repairs are to be made in the spring if the materials are available.

44,000 POUNDS PAPER SHIPPED TO MILLS

The carload of wastepaper shipped from Belleville last week contained a total of 44,000 pounds of paper, it was announced by Karl E. Kusse, chairman of the local salvage and waste committee.

The shipment included contributions from Belleville, Pleasant Gap, Snow Shoe, Clarence and Unionville, Kusse said.

Farming In African Area Primitive, Former College Wrestler Discovers

SCHOOLMEN OF COUNTY MEET HERE FRIDAY

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NOTED SPEAKERS LISTED ON PROGRAM

A keen observation of farming practices observed in foreign lands is displayed by Lt. Glen Alexander, a graduate of Penn State in the class of 1942, who already has seen 18 months of service in the African and Italian campaigns.

Knowing that his father, Kyle M. Alexander, of State College, Centre county farmer and F. S. A. supervisor in this county with offices in the old postoffice building on North Spring street, Belleville, would be interested in the farming procedures of North Africa, Glen set out one day with his camera and took a number of interesting pictures. His notes follow:

"Since this thing began, I haven't told you very much about the agricultural set-up over here.

"There are a few tractors and not much machinery, due to the great initial layout necessary and the lack of knowledge on the part of the people concerning modern equipment.

"The plowing is done with horses, cows, mules, burros, camels, and a few tractors. The farmers use what they can within their means. I've seen one cow and a camel plowing, or a camel and a burro. A very common sight is three teams of cows, led by three teams of mules, all in tandem, pulling a sulky plow.

AIRMAN KILLED BY WILD BUFFALO

Lieut. William Reish Dies While Spending Leave at Hunting Lodge in India

The death of Lt. William Reish, State College airman, announced by the War Department early last week, resulted from an attack by a wild buffalo while he was on a hunting trip in India during a leave, according to a letter from Major General J. A. Uile, U. S. adjutant general in Washington, to Lt. Reish's mother, Mrs. R. A. Lepley, of 228 East Hamilton avenue, State College.

The letter reported that Lt. Reish died February 9 in the Asiatic area, where he was killed by a wild buffalo while on an authorized leave of absence at a hunting lodge.

"I wish that there were more information to give you," General Uile wrote, "but unfortunately reports of the nature contain only the briefest details as they are prepared under battle conditions and the means for their transmission are limited." The letter added as soon as additional information is received it will be forwarded.

Lt. Reish had to his credit nearly year of flying an unarmed transport plane over the rugged and dangerous terrain in the India-Burma-China theater. Before entering the service he was an ardent sportsman, and while in the service was known to take advantage of available opportunities to pursue his peacetime hobby of hunting.

The water buffalo of India is known as one of the most ferocious animals in the world, surpassing the lion and the tiger. It is the largest of the cattle family and often stand six feet high at the shoulders. It has large horns which sometimes

12 Fathers to Enter Navy Next Tuesday

Twelve men, all of them fathers, and all from the area served by Draft Board No. 2, Belleville, are scheduled to leave Tuesday, February 29, for Altona for service in the Navy. From Altona they will be assigned to training stations.

The twelve are: George L. Robinson, Howard, R. D. 2; James G. Taylor, W. Lamb street, Belleville; Lee L. Lucas, Belleville; Mahlon T. Letterman, Milesburg; Donald E. Dyke, Milesburg; George W. McCormick, Belleville; Thomas H. Vaughn, Milesburg; Ralph L. Shope, Howard; Franklin J. Miller, Altona; Terrill M. Lucas, Belleville; Andrew G. Bugosh, Clarence; James F. DeLong, Mill Hill.

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Business Session of 57th Annual Meeting Scheduled for 3:15 P. M.

The 57th annual meeting of the Centre County School Directors' Association will be held at the Court House tomorrow, with morning and afternoon sessions.

The day's activities will begin at 9:45 a. m. with an invocation by Rev. Harry C. Stenger, Jr., pastor of the Belleville Methodist church. An address, "The Schools Belong to the People," by Dr. Paul L. Cressman, of the Department of Public Instruction, Harrisburg, will be followed by a roll call. The final address of the morning will be made by Donald V. Hock, Allentown attorney, whose subject will be "Man's Seven Greatest Mistakes."

The morning session will close with a report on the State School Directors' convention given by Samuel Z. Miller, of Philadelphia.

At 1:30 p. m. Dr. Cressman will speak on "Meeting the Needs," after which Ray V. Watkins, past regional director of District 4, State College, will speak on "Our State Association." Mr. Hock's afternoon address will be entitled "When is a Man Educated?"

The business session will begin at 3:15 p. m. and the order of business will include the report of the resolution committee, nominating committee and remarks by the County Superintendent.

Officers of the county association are: George L. Newman, Milesburg, president; R. C. Blaney, Belleville, vice president; Miller, Philadelphia, president; Ralph G. Hagan, Centre Hill, secretary; G. H. McCormick, Spring Mills, R. D. treasurer; Rev. E. H. Jones, State College, delegate to state convention; and Horace J. Harritt, Belleville, auditor.

COUNTY ON VERGE OF BOND QUOTA

Last-Minute Bond Buying Spree Urged to Assure Success of Campaign

Centre county continues to hover close to making its \$1,943,000 quota in the Fourth War Loan drive, but none of the usual sources yesterday was able to say definitely that the county has fully met its allocation.

All bond sales up to and including Tuesday, February 22, are to be credited to the Fourth Loan quota, and any shortage which may now exist could be offset by sales between now and Tuesday.

Official totals received from the Federal Reserve Bank at Philadelphia showed that up to and including Saturday, the county had met 88 per cent of its total quota, and 82 per cent of the individual bonds assigned.

These figures, however, do not include allocations to Centre county made by firms with headquarters outside the county. For example, an allocation of \$50,000 of the total bonds purchased by the National Gypsum Company has been assigned to this county, and this amount together with many similar ones are not included in the Federal Reserve figures.

In the absence of accurate totals, County War Finance officials nevertheless continue to hold to the belief that Centre is just on the verge of maintaining its record of meeting all War Loan quotas so far.

To make certain that the Fourth War Loan is not to fail by a matter of a few thousand dollars, County Chairman Claude G. Alken, of State College, in an interview urged every person in the county to make a last effort to purchase one more bond before Tuesday. Such action, he said, will assure the county of a spotless record.

Council Proposes New Garbage Plan

Suggested System Calls for Monopoly; Price of Service Over Twice as High As in State College; David W. Keller Named Councilman to Succeed Late Harold D. Cowher

David W. Keller, of Pine street, Belleville, well known Belleville machinist, was elected Councilman from the South Ward to succeed the late Harold D. Cowher at a regular meeting of Council here, Monday night.

Mr. Keller is expected to be sworn into office at the next regular session, scheduled for March 6.

Most of Monday's session was devoted to a discussion of the borough garbage collection system and out of a welter of suggestions, recommendations and debates came authorization to proceed with the institution of a monopoly service along these lines:

First: J. E. Walters, who at present is conducting a service in town, and who offered to accept a contract to collect all garbage only in the borough for \$1.25 a month per family, was asked to determine whether he will consider doing the job for \$1 a month per family.

Second: Council authorized the solicitor to draw a garbage ordinance which is expected to define garbage as refuse food and bones only, and prohibiting the placing in garbage cans of any other materials. The ordinance also will make it unlawful for persons to burn garbage, haul it away themselves, or to hire anyone but the authorized collection agency to dispose of it.

Third: Residents of town will be required to provide their own containers, keep them clean, and on collection days will be required to place them on the ground level. It may be that the regulations will require the cans to be out on the curb.

Officials of Council asked newspapers to announce that effective immediately, householders must keep garbage in separate containers. Garbage must not be wrapped in paper, and no glass, ashes, cans, paper or any other waste matter will be permitted to be placed in the garbage.

There seems to be no clear-cut date on which the new type of service is to begin, but the segregation (Continued on Page Eight)

RED CROSS DRIVE OPENS MARCH 1

Lewis Orvis Harvey To Head Campaign; Local Quota is \$12,800

The National Red Cross will open its third War Loan campaign on March 1, with a quota of \$12,800 for the Belleville chapter, it was announced yesterday.

Lewis Orvis Harvey, of Belleville, has been named local War Fund chairman, with Mrs. James Craig, Sr., as vice chairman, and Mrs. E. Keith Anderson as publicity director.

Sub-chairmen are as follows: North Ward, Mrs. James Caldwell; South Ward, Mrs. Guy Baughman; West Ward, Mrs. Harold Kirk; Bush Addition, Mrs. John Brown; Axemann, Mrs. Margaret Ray; and Rockview penitentiary, C. C. Rhoads.

A complete list of the volunteer workers in the outlying districts will be announced at a later date.

Slightly more than 25% of the \$12,800 quota will remain in the local chapter treasury of the Red Cross, to carry on the work of assisting servicemen and their families. The larger percentage goes to the national organization to finance its national and international activities.

While the 1944 objective is the largest campaign goal in the history of Red Cross, the job to be done is greater than ever before, due to wartime demands. An urgent appeal is issued to everyone this year to do his part to help the chapter reach its goal, that the Red Cross may carry on its splendid work of aiding our fighting men and continue its services on the home front.

TRIAL LIST IS UNUSUALLY LIGHT

Only Two Criminal Cases Scheduled; Civil Court is Called Off

One of the lightest criminal dockets in the history of Centre county, at the lightest one in history, is listed for the regular February court which opens here on Monday, February 28.

Only two criminal cases are scheduled for trial.

They are: Josephine G. Armstrong, of Zion, involuntary manslaughter, and Alvin Baine, Philadelphia, assault and battery.

Because of a similar condition existing in the civil docket, Judge Ivan Walker this week called off the regular February Civil Court, which was scheduled to have opened on Monday, March 6. The two, or possibly three cases, listed for trial, will be heard at the conclusion of the two criminal cases next week, with juries being drawn from jurors called for Criminal Court.

County Officers Agree on Holidays

At a meeting of all the elective officers in the Court House, February 16, it was decided by unanimous agreement that all offices will observe the following holidays for the current term:

- New Year's Day.
- Washington's Birthday.
- Memorial Day.
- Flag Day.
- Fourth of July.
- Labor Day.
- Armistice Day.
- Thanksgiving Day.
- Christmas Day.

SOLDIER IN PACIFIC SEVERELY BURNED

Pvt. Walter E. Forster Is Severely Burned When Stove Explodes

A Belleville youth who has been with the armed forces in New Caledonia since before Christmas is recovering from second degree burns of the entire left side of his body suffered when a gasoline cook stove exploded.

He is Pvt. Walter E. Forster, 29, unassigned, who left this country in December 1943 to join the U. S. Infantry forces on New Caledonia. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Forster, of East Bishop street.

According to information contained in a letter to his parents, Pvt. Forster suffered severe burns of his left arm, leg, and the left side of his body and face when the stove exploded.

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PLEASANT GAP CONTRIBUTES \$57.50 TO PARALYSIS FUND

Mrs. Ralph Noll, chairman of the infantile paralysis drive in Pleasant Gap reports the following contributions:

- Pleasant Gap schools, \$18.80.
- Fire Company, \$10.50.
- Woman's Club, \$2.50.
- Methodist Sunday School, \$12.20.
- Lutheran Sunday School, \$6.70.
- Boxes in stores, \$2.80.
- Folder contributors, \$3.50.
- Total, \$57.50.

Mrs. Noll takes this opportunity to thank all who contributed to the fund.

Bellefonte Used Car Dealer Cited by OPA

The C. P. A. filed in Federal Court at Lewisburg, Wednesday of last week, an information seeking an injunction against a Bellefonte used car dealer for selling four trucks in violation of maximum price regulations governing such vehicles.

The information named M. I. Lingenfelter, Jesse Lingenfelter and Helen Lingenfelter, as defendants.

O. P. A. alleges that overcharges on the four vehicles total \$448.19 and the information seeks a judgment in favor of the government for treble the amount of the overcharges or \$1,335.57, and an injunction enjoining the firm from further maximum price infractions.

LABOR UNION GIVES \$276.78 IN DRIVE

In cooperation with the Titan Metal Manufacturing Co., Federal Labor Union Local No. 19681 contributed a total of \$276.78 to the Centre county Foundation for Infantile Paralysis in the recent campaign appeal for funds.

The chairman, Walter A. Schenck, used the industrial scrolls, which were placed in each department. The undersigned wish to thank the contributors for their generous donations to this worthy cause. Eugene W. Burkholder, president; Robert B. Lee, secretary-treasurer, and Walter A. Schenck, drive chairman.

Cars Collide on Thomas Street

Damage totaling \$150 resulted at 8 o'clock Tuesday morning when two automobiles collided at the extreme end of North Thomas street. The cars were driven by Mrs. Edgar King, Coleville, and Willard Barnhart, East Bishop street, Belleville.