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An Army Transport burns 33,000 gallons of fuel oil a day.



SUBSCRIPTION—\$1.50 PER YEAR.

## County to Send 78 Men for Induction

57 to Leave Bellefonte for Navy, Monday; 8 Go to Army, Tuesday. State College Board Lists Thirteen for Service in Navy

Centre county's two draft boards will report to Altoona on Monday, March 13, for Navy service. The same board will send eight men to New Cumberland for Army...

### In Naval Reserves

- Miss Alvena Bugosh, daughter of John Bugosh, Sr., of Clarence, was sworn into the Women's U. S. Naval Reserves at the Naval Officer Procurement in Pittsburgh, on January 7th...

## COUNTY IS SHORT IN BOND QUOTA

\$3,000 More Would Have Put Area on Top in 4th War Loan

Centre county missed its \$1,943,000 quota in the Fourth War Loan drive by a paltry \$3,000, it was revealed yesterday when final figures on sales were submitted by the Federal Reserve Bank in Philadelphia.

## Cousin of Local Resident is Cited

Capt. William R. Cooke, Jr., 44, of Llanerch, has been awarded the Silver Star for "conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action" as commander of a destroyer squadron...

## LOCAL MEN IN INVASION DRILL

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## COUNTY NATIVE IS FOUND DEAD IN LOCK HAVEN

J. A. Yocum, 79, Dies of Gunshot Wound; Daughter Finds Body

WAS BORN IN HUBLERSBURG AREA

Clinton Coroner Says Fatal Wound Was Self-Inflicted

John A. Yocum, 79, of Lock Haven, native of Hublersburg, was found dead in the bathroom of his home at 511 East Park street, Lock Haven, about 1:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon...

Clinton Coroner Dr. W. J. Shoemaker said indications were that the man had taken his own life.

According to reports, Mr. Yocum, who in November 1942, retired from his position as a pump operator at the Castanea Paper Mill in Lock Haven, at his lunch as usual and afterwards told his daughter, Mrs. Morris Peasley, with whom he resided at 511 East Park street, Lock Haven, that he "thought he'd go to Bellefonte."

He went upstairs to get ready and about 1:30 Mrs. Peasley heard the sound of a shot. Investigating, she found her father dead in the bathroom, his body having fallen in the tub which contained some water. The bullet entered the right side of the chest and lodged against the left shoulder blade, it was said. The rifle was an old one which had been in the family some years.

Mr. Yocum was born at Hublersburg and had been a resident of Lock Haven for the past 27 years. He died about five years ago. Deceased was a member of St. Luke's Evangelical and Reformed church, Lock Haven.

Surviving children, in addition to Mrs. Peasley, are: Mrs. Ernest Bay, of Jersey Shore; Mrs. R. R. Herman, Bellefonte; Mrs. Warren Hockenberry, of Hartleton; Mrs. Howard Elmer and Logan Yocum, both of Williamsport; Harry D. of Lock Haven, and Roy, at home. Also surviving are 22 grandchildren and a half-sister, Mrs. Robert Stewart, of Lock Haven.

Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon at the Peasley home, with Rev. Harvey M. Light officiating. Interment will be made in the Hublersburg cemetery.

## Is 'Chute Veteran

Sergeant John H. Estricht

Sgt. Estricht, of Millsburg, a physical instructor at the U. S. Army Parachute School at Fort Benning, Ga., now has 23 jumps to his credit and has completed some of the army's most severe parachute tests.

On his tenth and eleventh jumps his main parachute failed to open and he had to use his reserve chute to save himself.

Last week he made a jump under actual fire from a height of only 500 feet, which is considered an extremely low altitude. Of that leap he wrote to his friends that as soon as the parachute opened there were violent explosions about him and when he landed machine guns were fired across the area only a few feet above ground so that it was necessary for him to keep low to keep from being hit by the bullets.

Sgt. Estricht has been in the Paratroops for ten months and prior to that time was with the U. S. Rangers at Camp Forrest, Tenn., as an instructor in hand-to-hand combat.

State Police Transfer Pfc. Robert Smith, a member of the State Police who has been stationed at the Rockview sub-station for more than a year, was transferred March 1 to McConnellsburg. A replacement will be made at the Rockview sub-station. It was announced by Cpl. S. S. Mollenkot, who is in charge of the station.

## Native of Julian Head of Air Unit

Col. John E. Bodle Commands Group at Birmingham Army Air Base; Has Had Long Experience in Combat and Patrol Duty



Colonel John E. Bodle

Formerly the Commanding Officer of the 88th Reconnaissance Training Wing at Key Field, Mississippi, and a veteran of the aerial warfare in the South Pacific, Colonel Bodle assumed leadership of the 75th Tactical Reconnaissance Command upon the death of Brigadier General Arthur B. McDaniel on December 26, last.

Noted both for his executive ability and aggressiveness, Colonel Bodle saw active combat service with the 5th Air Force when, early in 1943, he was stationed in Australia. As a Command Pilot, he participated in the campaigns at Papua and New Guinea. Before going overseas, Col. Bodle had been Assistant Chief of Staff, A-3, of the First Air Support Command and, following the outbreak of war with Japan, he participated in aerial anti-submarine patrols over the waters of the Atlantic.

Returning to the United States in March, 1943, he transferred to the Third Air Force under which he assumed command of the 75th Tactical Reconnaissance Group, then based at Tullahoma, Tennessee. On September 15, 1943, Colonel Bodle moved up to take command of the then newly-established 88th Wing at Key Field.

The Third Reconnaissance Command's new chief was born at Julian, Pa., and graduated of the Bellefonte High School.

## TWO BROTHERS ARE KILLED IN ACCIDENT

Meet Death in Fall of Rock at Morrisdale Coal Mine

Two brothers, Peter and Albert Simms, were killed about 10:30 o'clock Monday forenoon in a fall of rock in the number one shaft of the Morrisdale Coal company, near Phillipsburg, and a third brother, Wilbur, who was working with them, narrowly missed the same fate.

State Mine Inspector David B. Millard, who investigated the double fatality, disclosed that the two brothers, Peter and Albert, aged 42 and 39 respectively, were within two steps of safety when the mine roof caved in and killed them. Their brother, Wilbur, about 25 feet away, around a corner. The men had pushed a mine car into the working and had loaded it and dropped it out and were waiting for more cars when the accident occurred. There was no evidence of danger where they were working.

Albert suffered a crushed face, crushed chest, fractured skull, and both legs were snapped between the ankles and knees. Peter suffered a fractured skull, fractured right thigh and the right side of his chest was crushed. The two men were caught at the edge of tons of falling rock. Each was struck by two large rocks which crushed and killed them.

Number one shaft is located one and a half miles east of Morrisdale between Hawk Run and Munson.

## Bellefonte Man Is Awarded Air Medal

By direction of the President, the Air Medal has been awarded to Staff Sergeant Malvin J. Houtz, Bellefonte, R. D., for meritorious work as aerial photographer gunner from December 4 to December 25, 1943, in the South Pacific area.

## 'OUR TOWN' TO BE STAGED HERE

Unique Drama is First to be Given in New BHS Auditorium

Next Monday night the first drama to be produced in the auditorium of the Bellefonte High School will be staged by the Drama Section of the Bellefonte Woman's Club for the benefit of the Salvation Army.

The play, "Our Town," by Thornton Wilder, is in itself interesting enough to provide an evening's complete entertainment. The fact that local men and women are assuming the characters of persons who might live in a town not a great deal smaller than Bellefonte tends to make the scenes live more in the imagination.

"Our Town," which has enjoyed long runs in many cities and from which a successful motion picture (Continued on Page Four)

## FALL IS FATAL TO MAN, 89, AT COUNTY HOME

Aged Guest is Instantly Killed in 20-foot Drop From Window

FUNERAL SERVICE HELD YESTERDAY

Victim Former Resident of Orviston; Brick Plant Worker

Falling about 20 feet from a second floor window of the Centre County Home, East Howard street, Bellefonte, about 10:30 o'clock Sunday morning, Harvey Watkins, aged 89, of Orviston, was instantly killed.

Death was attributed to a broken neck suffered when he landed on a light layer of snow covering the frozen ground.

A. G. Herr, superintendent of the home, reported that Watkins and three or four other men had been sitting in the sun parlor at the western end of the building overlooking Wilson street when the room became quite warm and one of the men opened a window.

Mr. Watkins went over to the open window and sat on the sill. Just what happened after that is not clear, Mr. Herr said. The other men in the room were unable to give a lucid account because of their age and condition, the official declared.

One of the men, however, said: "I saw him sitting on the window sill, and when I next looked in his direction he was gone."

Discovery of the tragedy came when a bedfast patient in a first floor room saw some object fall past the window and summoned an attendant. Investigation revealed the aged man's body. Mr. Herr and other aides at the home rushed outside, and the county physician, Dr. J. R. Bartlett, of Pleasant Gap was summoned, but examination showed that the man died instantly and had not moved after striking the ground.

Centre County Coroner Charles Sheckler, of Millsburg, conducted an investigation and ruled that an inquest would not be necessary. The body was found three feet from the wall of the building, which confirmed the belief that the man had fallen from the window. Had he jumped or had he been pushed out, the Coroner said, his body would have arched outward in its fall and would have fallen at some distance.

## BAR SCORES NEW RULE ON WRITS

Attorneys Refuse to Pay Advance Fees; To Accept Portraits

The Bar Association of Centre County held its regular quarterly meeting and dinner at the Brockerhoff House, Friday evening, with seventeen members present. Theodore C. Jackson, the newly elected president, presided.

Lewis Orvis Harvey, resigned his office as treasurer owing to his call for military service, and William W. Little was elected in his stead.

Considerable discussion was held over demand of the Sheriff, acting for the Commissioners, for advance costs from any litigant at the time of bringing suit, as well as attorney for back costs in suits in which they might have been interested.

Hence, on motion, duly seconded, the following resolution was adopted unanimously by those voting: That (Continued on Page Four)

## Philipsburg Man Held In Burglary

Hillary J. Vizard, 56, South Phillipsburg, is in the county jail here following arrest over the weekend on a charge of burglary. He was charged with stealing \$135 in cash and other articles from the home of James Daxon of Phillipsburg.

State Police from the Rockview sub-station said Vizard pleaded guilty at a hearing before Squire J. Mac Pearce of Phillipsburg. Information was placed against him by N. L. Lamoreaux, chief of police of Phillipsburg. Police said most of the money was recovered.

## Nevin C. Jodon Is Promoted to Captain

Lt. Nevin C. Jodon, former Bellefonte resident, who is a member of the U. S. Army Dental Corps at Camp Edwards, Mass., has been promoted to the rank of Captain, it was learned this week.

Captain Jodon entered the service in May, 1943, and has been stationed at Camp Edwards most of the time since then. He is a son of Mrs. J. C. Jodon, of Willowbank street.

Captain Jodon's family is with him in Massachusetts, residing at Falmouth, near Camp Edwards.

## 'Production' Is Keyword at Titan

Tour of Plant Reveals Growth of Industry; Skilled Workers Aid in Furnishing Parts for Implements and Tools of War

Bellefonte newspapermen enjoyed a rather rare wartime privilege last Friday afternoon when representatives of the local press were conducted on a complete tour of the three plants of the Titan Metal Company.

The news writers were escorted by William W. Sieg, general manager, and Philip B. Ray, personnel director.

Amazing things have been done and are being done at the plants, and everywhere employees, men and women, seemed to be intent on their jobs. There was none of the easy-going, somewhat leisurely pace that was evident on similar tours in the pre-war days.

To anyone who hasn't visited the main buildings in the past few years, a blue-print of the place is almost necessary. New buildings have sprung up over the lot, new machines have been installed, new furnaces are in operation.

Down at Plant No. 3, the former Lingenfelter garage, on North Water street, girls work at machines which perform difficult tasks with great efficiency. Two of the machines, at first appearance look like something lately salvaged from the scrap pile. They have no paint and the welding joints are apparent. The metal sides are unfinished.

But those two machines, possibly more than anything else, exemplify the war-time spirit of Titan. When Titan recently got a rush order for a type of time fuse, the garage building was purchased and machines were installed. For two of the operations on the fuses, no machines were available, so Titan engineers designed some.

The plans were handed to the maintenance and repair shop, and from odds and ends two perfectly operating machines were born. But no time was wasted on the aesthetic (Continued on page four)

## TITAN DIRECTORS' CHAIRMAN DIES

John L. Kemmerer, 74, Succumbs to Pneumonia at New Jersey Home

John L. Kemmerer, 74, chairman of the board of directors of the Titan Metal Manufacturing Company of Bellefonte for the past 20 years, died at his home in Short Hills, N. J. Friday, March 3, 1944. Death was caused by pneumonia which developed after an illness of about three weeks.

Mr. Kemmerer, for 40 years engaged in business in New York City, was a son of Mahlon S. Kemmerer, chairman of the board of directors of Titan before his death. During John L. Kemmerer's chairmanship (Continued on Page Three)

## State College Woman Fractures Leg In Fall

Mrs. Elsie H. Noll, of 352 East College avenue, State College last Thursday was admitted to the Centre County Hospital for treatment of a fracture of the right leg suffered in a fall at her home.

Mrs. Noll was going down the cellar steps when she made a misstep and fell. Her condition at the hospital yesterday was described as being satisfactory. Mrs. Noll is the mother of Sumner Noll, teacher in the Jacksonville schools.

## New Manager For Dean Phipps Store

Bernard Sweeney, of Somerset, has been named manager of the Dean Phipps Auto Store on South Allegheny street to succeed Edgar Weaver, who expects soon to be inducted into the Navy.

Mr. Sweeney has been manager of the Somerset Phipps store and is now on duty at the Bellefonte store.

## Jail Inmates Eat Well at Cost of 39 Cents a Day

If you happen to run afoul of the law and get sent to the Centre county jail, you needn't worry about the food you get.

Sheriff John "Johnny" Galaida has Mrs. Ruth Casper, of Bellefonte, as cook, and Mrs. Galaida often helps out with the preparation of meals. The food has to be right, for the meals served the prisoners are the same as those served on the Galaida family table. The jail menu for a typical week shows roast chicken on Sunday, and baked ham, meat loaf, fried fish, and sausage as leading items during the weekdays. To say nothing of such items as baked lima beans and a wide variety of other vegetables.

Then too, there are home-made doughnuts and big golden-brown home-made rolls, fit to make your mouth water.

The cost of such meals is surprisingly small, for in February prisoners at the jail were fed at a cost of slightly less than 39 cents a day. The average cost of keeping prisoners a day, including meals, soap, items of clothing and other necessities for the month was about 41 cents a day for each prisoner.

In times gone by when the Sheriff's office was operated under a fee system, the Commissioners allowed a fixed fee to the Sheriff to provide meals. This rate usually was about 50 cents a day, and ran as high as 65 cents a day. If the Sheriff cut down on the cost of meals, he was entitled to pocket the difference between what the county allowed him and his actual expenses for food. Then for soap, clothing, and other necessities for prisoners, the Sheriff was allowed extra compensation. In those days, it also must be remembered that food was much less expensive than it is today.

Under the present system, the Commissioners pay the actual bills incurred by the Sheriff in providing for prisoners, and it seems that "Jerry" has struck a pleasant balance between providing clean and wholesome food for his "guests" while at the same time keeping costs well within reason. And so it is, if you should suffer the misfortune of getting a jail term, you can sit down to the table in the jail kitchen that what you're eating is real food, prepared under conditions you'd like to find in your own kitchen.