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 m.p.h. may use 200 gal-
 lons of gasoline an hour.

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Three Sentenced At Special Court

Zion Woman Gets 10 Months at State Industrial Home on Involuntary Manslaughter Conviction; Man Stole From Employer Sent to Camp

Miss Josephine Armstrong, 24, of Zion, recently convicted by a Centre county jury on a charge of involuntary manslaughter in connection with the death of Ray Detrick, 10, of Hubersburg, was sentenced to an indeterminate term in the State Industrial Home for Women at Muncy, Monday morning when she appeared at a special session of court here.

LOCAL PILOT GETS HEROISM MEDAL

**Capt. Harold L. Price, 25,
Saves Airman From
Burning Wreckage**

Dashing into the flaming wreckage of a blazing fighter plane and rescuing the unconscious pilot only seconds before the plane exploded, Capt. Harold L. Price, 25, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Osman, of East Logan street, Bellefonte, has won the Soldiers' Medal for Heroism, according to announcement made by the War Department.

Capt. Price, a member of the 12th Air Force serving in the North African theatre of operations, was decorated for saving the life of a Beau fighter pilot whose plane burst into flames after a take-off collision at Reghaha Airfield, Algeria, on October 24, 1943.

Despite exploding ammunition and an imminent gasoline explosion, Capt. Price unhesitatingly entered the blazing wreckage and, aided by two companions, carried the unconscious pilot out of the plane, his citation read, "A few seconds after they had reached a place of safety, the Beau-fighter exploded."

Capt. Price, who entered the Army stationed at Station, Tex., and received his wings and commission on February 6, 1942. After being sent to Meridian, Miss., for a term of duty in the Bellefonte pilot school as an instructor at Orlando, Fla. He was sent to England in March of 1943.

Capt. Price, a graduate of the Rushville, N. Y., High School, was graduated from Penn State in the class of 1941 shortly before entering the Air Forces. His wife, the former Blanche McCord, lives at Winter Park, Fla.

Mrs. Fred Fisher to Manage Theatres

When Fred Fisher, manager of the Plaza and State theatres in Bellefonte enters the Navy in the near future, his post here will be taken by his wife, the former Margaret Hoffmeister, it was announced yesterday by the Mid-State Theatre management, owners of the local theatres.

Appointment of Mrs. Fisher as manager is in accordance with a wartime policy of the Mid-State Company to replace managers called into the service with women employees. Women managers are now in charge in Coalport, Clearfield, Houtzdale, Watcomtown, Madera, Stoneboro and one or two other theatres owned by the Mid-State chain. Mrs. Fisher is a daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Theodore Hoffmeister, of the State apartments, East High street. She and the two Fisher children will continue to occupy their present home on East Lynn street for the time being, according to present plans.

Peters Greenhouse Under New Ownership

The Peters Greenhouse, west of Milesburg along Route 220 is now under new ownership, it was announced this week. Benjamin F. Peters, who has conducted the business for a number of years, has sold it to his son, Elwood Peters, who is now in charge.

The elder Mr. Peters, who is 80 years old, Saturday night underwent an operation at the Centre County Hospital and is reported to be recovering as well as can be expected. He is able to spend part of each day sitting up in bed at the hospital, members of the family said.

Lose Second Son In 14-Day Period

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Meekley, of State College, R. D., yesterday received a telegram from the War Department announcing the death of their second son, Pfc. Leslie E. Meekley, Jr., an ammunition truck driver in Algeria.

Just two weeks ago a similar notice was received by the parents from the Navy Department, reporting the death of another son, Benjamin C. George W. Meekley, who was killed in line of duty in the South Pacific.

Leslie entered the service on July 14, 1942, and had been overseas since May 1943.

Now a Captain



Andrew L. Runkle, of 577 1/2 South Lawrence street, Monticomb, Ala., son of Mrs. Joseph L. Runkle, of East High street, Bellefonte, has been promoted from the rank of First Lieutenant to Captain.

Captain Runkle has been overseas for over two years and is assigned to an Air Service Squadron of the 13th AAF Service Command at an advanced air base in the South Pacific. He has had over 16 years of service in the AAF and received a direct commission as First Lieutenant in May 1943. Captain Runkle is a graduate of the Bellefonte High School.

Hospital Needs Registered Nurses

The Centre County Hospital during the past week has lost four members of its nursing staff and officials of the institution are anxious to have registered nurses apply for positions on the staff.

Mrs. Nellie Geary, superintendent of the hospital, said that every effort would be made to arrange schedules to suit the convenience of applicants. Nurses on either a full or part time basis are wanted, Mrs. Geary said.

The four nurses who left the hospital are: Mrs. Gladys Gahagen, who has returned to her home in Lewisburg; Miss Jaquie Chaspeal, who has gone to her home in Tamaqua; and Miss Maebelle Hosterman, of Coburn, and Miss Harriet Long, of State College, both of whom have enlisted in the U. S. Army Nurses Corps.

JURORS DRAWN FOR MAY COURT

**Grand Jury Meets May 1;
Criminal Court to
Open May 15**

Grand and traverse jurors for the regular May term of court were drawn last week by Jury Commissioners Mary C. Heverly of Spring Mills, and John W. Condo of Spring Mills, with the aid of Sheriff John Galanda. Mrs. Philip H. Johnston of Bellefonte, served as clerk for the Commissioners.

The grand jury will meet Monday, May 1, and jurors for criminal court will report for duty two weeks later, on Monday, May 15. Civil court jurors are scheduled to convene on Monday, May 22.

Following are the jurors called for service:

- GRAND JURORS**
 (Meet Monday, May 1)
- Harry W. Eiters, Snow Shoe boro.
 - John Nearhoof, Port Matilda RD
 - Lawrence L. Casey, Osceola Mills.
 - Walter Auman, Spring Mills.
 - Mary A. Gordon, Milesburg.
 - Miss Laura Breen, Centre Hall.
 - Chauncey L. Yorks, Milesburg.
 - Geraldine F. Warnock, State College.
 - Agnes Hammer, Port Matilda.
 - Raymond Bumgardner, Monument.
 - Mary J. Krape, Aaronburg.
 - W. L. Witmer, Livonia.
 - Theresa Decker, Spring Mills.
 - Ruth Howley, Bellefonte.
 - Thomas F. Wise, Madisonburg.
 - Mrs. Lillie Kline, Bellefonte.
 - David G. Dilling, Philipsburg.

Clarence Contributes To Red Cross Fund

Citizens of Clarence and vicinity have contributed a total of \$251 to the War Fund campaign being conducted by the Bellefonte Chapter, American Red Cross, according to a report by Mrs. Jacob Friedman, of East Curdin street, Bellefonte, chairman of the drive in Clarence.

Of the total, school children collected \$225 and were responsible for soliciting many families the adult canvassers were unable to interview.

Members of the committee who aided in the campaign at Clarence were: Mrs. David Friedman, Miss Matilda Koch, Mrs. Joseph Kolena and Mrs. Dorothy Swabick, all of Clarence.

Woodring's College Store
 The Woodring Floral Gardens, of Bellefonte, have Easter flowers of all kinds on display at 117 East Beaver avenue, State College, in addition to the display in the former Diamond Restaurant room in Bellefonte.

48 County Soldiers Request Ballots

Many Others Turned Down Because They Are Not Registered; State Moves to Give All Soldiers Vote in November.

The Centre County Commissioners announced yesterday that 48 persons in the armed forces from this county have made application for military ballots entitling them to vote at the primaries on April 25. The last day for filing such applications was Saturday.

The board said a considerable number of other applications were received from service men in all parts of the world, but that they would not be entitled to receive ballots because they are not registered. Lack of time makes it impossible for the necessary registration papers to be mailed to them and returned in time to qualify them to vote at the primaries. It was explained that the persons are qualified to vote because they are registered in one of the county precincts. When their ballots are received, their vote will be recorded in their "home" election district.

Thirty-one of the qualified 48 applicants for ballots are Republicans and the other 17 are Democrats, officials said. All of them have either overseas postoffice addresses or fleet postoffice addresses.

Envelopes for mailing the ballots to the applicants have been prepared and the mailing of them is to be done as soon as the ballots have been printed. It is hoped to get the

order to be mailed by Monday. In the armed forces from this county returned to the Commissioners' office before May 5. Because of the uncertainty of mails to some overseas points, it is considered doubtful whether the ballots can reach some lands and be returned before May 5.

Meanwhile on a statewide scale, it was decided in Harrisburg this week that every Pennsylvania voter in the armed forces will receive a ballot for the Presidential election without having to go through the formality of requesting it.

Also to facilitate military balloting, registration requirements will be waived, the time for the returning of ballots will be extended, and the State Council of Defense will direct a statewide canvass for a list of those eligible to receive service ballots.

This program was agreed upon on Tuesday at a conference of Democratic and Republican party and legislative leaders on soldier vote legislation to be submitted to a special session of the Legislature, which is scheduled to convene on May 1. Governor Edward Martin said that "such unanimity" was shown by the rival political leaders that the enactment of necessary legislation should not require more than a week.

ROCKVIEW YOUTH REPORTED MISSING

**T-Sgt. Robert May Lost
on Bombing Mission
Over Germany**

Tech. Sgt. Robert T. May, 29, an engineer on a Flying Fortress bomber based in England, is missing in action over Germany, it was learned by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. May, of Rockview.

The message from the War Department stated that he is missing in action as the result of a mission which took place March 16.

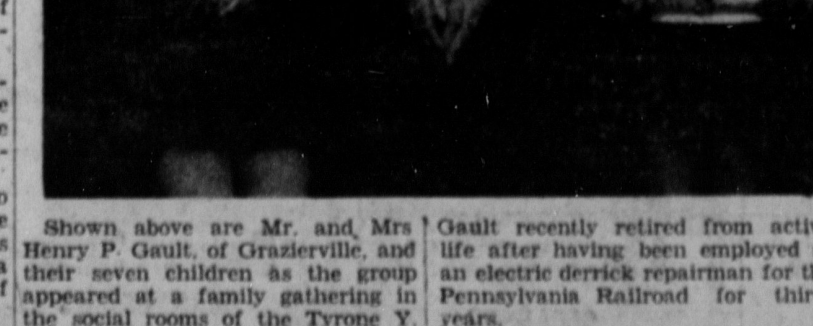
Sgt. May, who is a graduate of the Bellefonte High School and who is well-known in this locality, has been in England since the beginning of January. In a letter written to his parents about a month ago he stated he had been on six bombing missions.

After reporting to New Cumberland, Sgt. May was sent to Miami Beach, Fla., for his basic training. After that he was stationed at Seymour Johnson Field, N. C., Ft. Myers, Fla., at a field in Oregon, Pute Field, Texas, Grand Rapids, Mich., and Walla Walla, Wash.

The young man's wife, the former Miriam Oberholzer, and their small daughter live in Milroy.

Before entering the service Sgt. May was employed at the Spicher service station near Bellefonte, and later at the C. Y. Wagner Mill in Bellefonte. He was a star pitcher for the Pleasant Gap baseball team.

Centre County Couple Observe 50th Anniversary



Shown above are Mr. and Mrs. Henry P. Gault, of Grassville, and their seven children as the group appeared at a family gathering in the social rooms of the Tyrone Y. M. C. A. February 5 on the occasion of Mr. and Mrs. Gault's golden wedding anniversary.

Henry P. Gault and Béssie Gengler were married in the United Brethren Manse, Bellefonte, on February 5, 1894, by the Rev. Mr. Blackburn, then pastor of the church Mr. Gault recently retired from active life after having been employed as an electric derrick repairman for the Pennsylvania Railroad for thirty years.

TEACHER IS CHARGED WITH IMPROPER ACTS

**James H. Brungard, 37,
Posts \$2000 Bail For
Court**

**PLEADS GUILTY TO
ASSAULT CHARGES**

**Investigation Conducted
Out of District At-
torney's Office**

James Henry Brungard, 37, teacher of the fifth grade of the Hill school at Clarence, Snow Shoe township, has posted \$2000 bail on two assault and battery charges.

Brungard was arrested after an investigation conducted by Pts. John Eisenhooth and Eugene Barrie of the State Police at Rockview station, working under the direction of the District Attorney's office.

Police said that the charges of assault and battery were the result of Brungard's alleged improper action with young boys in his school. At a hearing before Justice of the Peace Hugh L. Curtin, at Curtin, Monday, Brungard is said to have pleaded guilty and posted \$1000 bail on each charge for his appearance in court.

S. H. Poorman Buys Roan Taxi Service

S. H. Poorman, South Water street garage man last week purchased the Robert Roan taxi service in Bellefonte and has been operating the line since April 1.

A year ago Mr. Poorman purchased the Clark Carson taxi route here and Mr. Poorman is now owner of the combined services. Mr. Roan will continue to serve as a driver for the time being, Mr. Poorman said.

Mr. Roan is the dean of Bellefonte's taxi operators. He began before State taxi certificates were required, and that law went into effect in 1914. He has been continuously in the business ever since.

In announcing the purchase of the Roan line, Mr. Poorman asked the public's co-operation in calling at least one-half hour in advance of the time a taxi is wanted. Observation of this request will enable scheduling of trips and will greatly aid in giving prompt service, he said. In addition, it will be possible to accommodate more persons on limited supplies of gasoline and tires, Poorman added.

Prisoner of Nazis Writes to Wife Here

That Staff Sgt. William J. "Bill" Edmiston, 22, of Bellefonte, is a prisoner of Germany and "well" was learned in a message received by his wife, the former Anna Barie Jones of Bellefonte.

In the short message Sgt. Edmiston stated that he was taken prisoner on January 7 of this year, that he is "okay," and getting good care and that the American Red Cross was "on the ball."

The county soldier entered the service in October 1942 and left for England in October of the next year. His wife and family live with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Jones of West Logan Street, Bellefonte.

Council Studies Zoning Ordinance

**Proposed Measure Would Give Borough
Some Control Over Use of Town's Land
and Buildings.**

A Bellefonte borough zoning ordinance, which has been gathering dust on borough shelves since it was first proposed in 1939, was presented in a somewhat revised form at a regular session of Council, Monday night, and was forwarded to Borough Solicitor M. Ward Fleming for study before Council sets upon the measure.

The ordinance divides the town into four classifications and sets forth the types of businesses, buildings, homes and other activities which may be erected and conducted in those divisions. Prime purpose of the bill is to give Council some control over the uses to which lands and buildings in the borough may be devoted.

In the industrial section, which, according to the map outlining the boundaries of the various divisions, would be roughly along Spring Creek, Logan Branch and the railroad tracks, many types of industrial activity would be permitted. Prohibited are certain industries which constitute a danger (such as the manufacture of explosives), or which might cause odors or dirt to be carried about town.

The second division is the commercial district, corresponding roughly with the present business section of town. Most types of retail and wholesale businesses would be permitted, but again there are provisions barring any activities which might be detrimental to the health or well-being of the town as a whole, or the district as a unit.

Third is the general residential district, which would be restricted to homes, gardens, greenhouses, boarding houses, apartment houses, churches, museums and similar uses.

The fourth classification is the "first" residential section, which would be confined largely to one-story houses.

SOCIAL SECURITY OFFICIAL COMING

**Opportunity For Workers
65 or Over to Secure
Information**

A representative of the Williamsport Field Office of the Social Security Board will be at the office of the Department of Public Assistance, Penn Belle Hotel Building, Bellefonte, on Tuesday, April 11, at 1:00 p. m. John D. Teasdale, manager of the Williamsport office announced yesterday. Any employer or worker who has a social security problem he wishes to discuss should call at that time, Mr. Teasdale said. This service is being provided particularly for the people of Centre county.

The principal reason for the present visit is that inaccurate advice from well-meaning but inadequately informed friends may be costing some retired workers money in the form of old-age and survivors insurance benefits. The same kind of advice also may be keeping benefits from widows, children and parents of workers who die, Mr. Teasdale said.

To counteract this, Mr. Teasdale advised that every worker who is 65 or over and has been working in insured employment—generally business and industry—should contact the nearest office of the Social Security Board immediately for information as soon as he quits his job. If he is qualified for benefits, the Board will assist him to file a claim.

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ANNOUNCES THREE FARM MEETINGS

**Demonstrations Scheduled
in Interest of
Agriculture**

A demonstration meeting will be held at the farm of Lloyd Daughenbaugh, Howard, next Wednesday afternoon, April 12 at 1:30. This meeting has been arranged by County Agent R. W. Blaney under the auspices of the Centre County Agricultural Extension Service.

Mr. J. R. Haswell, agricultural extension engineer from State College, will be present to discuss land drainage.

Mr. Daughenbaugh installed 1500 feet of land drain tile last fall. According to Mr. Blaney, this will be an opportunity for farm people living here.

Gap Firemen Hold Annual Dinner

Members of the Pleasant Gap Fire Company and guests gathered at the Nittany Country Club, Saturday night for the annual dinner of the fire company.

There was no formal program and entertainment included songs by the Kiwanis group of Bellefonte, and group singing. Following the dinner prepared and served under the direction of the club steward, Cyril Moerschbacher, a social hour was enjoyed.

The Pleasant Gap Fire Company has been called upon heavily by the armed forces, more than 50 members having entered the various branches of service up to this time.



Cpl. Paul K. Poorman

Cpl. Poorman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Poorman, of Pleasant Gap, who was wounded in the hand while with the U. S. forces in Italy late in January, spent five days in a hospital and has rejoined his unit, according to word received by his parents.

Cpl. Poorman first enlisted in the service early in 1938, and after receiving training at Ft. Slocum, N. Y., was assigned to duty in the Haston Islands. After completing that enlistment he was employed to civilian life and was employed at the hatchery near Pleasant Gap when he re-entered the service.

He will be remembered by many Centre countians as a former star pitcher in the Centre County Tri-Vality Baseball League.

Recruiting Office Open Here for WACs

Sergeant Frederick C. Mueller, of the United States Army Recruiting Service, has opened the Recruiting Office at the Bellefonte Postoffice building. "This time it's for WACs and there are two hundred and thirty-nine mighty important jobs in the army that women can do and participate actively in the war and bring us to an early victory and hasten the time when we all may return to peace and peacetime employment," stated the recruiter.

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