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The Centre Democrat

Aged Man's Body REVAMPING OF Celebration Is

Men For Physicals TO MILLHEIM April Contingent Dividea Into Two Groups; 60 Scheduled for April 13; 56 to Go on

Board 2 Lists 116 WOUND FATAL

Local Board No. 2. of Bellefonte, examined on Friday, April 21. The yesterday released the names of 116 second group, containing 56 men. men who are scheduled to report for will go for examination on Friday pre-induction physical examinations April 28.

at Altoona this month. Those who pass will go into the board's pool of meen qualified for military service and will be subject to call for induction within 21 to 90 days after, the examination

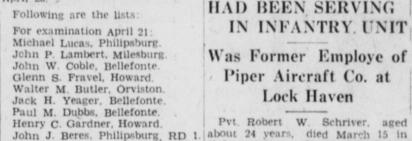
April 28.

The April contingent is divided into two groups, who will be examined on different days. The first group, consisting of 60 men, will be

Receives Air Medal



Staff Sergeant George A. Wagner Bellefonte relatives this week received word that Staff Sergeant Wagner, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Y Wagner, of Willowbank street, Bellefonte, on March 25 was awarded the Air Medal by Lieut. General Millard



Clyde W. Bouse, Jr., S. Renovo (Bellefonte).

Cloyd M. Price, Bellefonte Philip B. Gross, Bellefonte. Frank W. Richards, York (Powel-

Joe Parada, Osceola Mills. Orvis C. Holt, Williamsport (Mo- fantry in the Italian area. shannon)

Willis E. Lucas, Bellefonte, (Clarence) Albert L. Young, Howard, RD 2. Albert E. Packer, Orviston. Philip H. Auman, Bellefonte. furlough with relatives in the Millheim area before going to an em-Charles W. Hanley, Monument

Alvin T. Daugenbaugh, Detroit, barkation port. The last letter re-Mich. (Howard) Harold W. Coble, Milesburg. Melvin L. McCloskey, Orviston. reported that he was in good health. James E. Sents, Milesburg Prior to his induction, Pvt. Schri-Elmer F. Swartz, Bellefonte. ver had been employed for two or Earl O. Carver, Julian RD 1. three years at the Piper Aircraft

ontinued on Page Two) Company plant in Lock Haven. He is survived by a number of brother member of the family in the armed lorces



home from the hospital, Tuesday,

It is believed that the youth fell

front of the hospital property. His

bridge spanning Logan Branch at

curve slowly back to the highway.

It failed to clear the concrete post

Plans were completed for the first

rowes street, State College, Rev. Mil-

Sunday School Association, will ad-dress the conference and later lead

it as plans are developed to further

Sabbath School work in Centre

Raymond Brooks, 17, of time with the McAllister family Bellefonte, Escapes Ser-

the R.

since.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. McAllister

of West Lamb street, Bellefonte.

have been friends of the Schriver

amily over a period of many years.

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Mr. and Mrs. William A. Ferre, of

Mr. and Mrs. Ferree were married

in Camden, N. J., in April 1894, and

Pfc. Bruce Sheekler

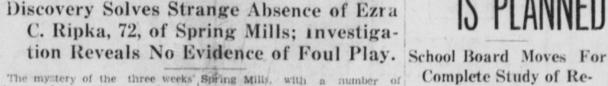
bors at their home.

War Department Reports

Death of Pvt. Robert

W. Schriver, 24

Lock Haven



absence of Ezra Clayton Ripka, 72- townpeople, including Boyd Musser. year-old Spring Mills resident, was Lee Musser and Paul Confer, assist olved about noon Friday when the ing

man's lifeless body was found in About noon the searchers found LOCAL LEGION BUYS Penn's Creck in Spring Mills." the body in the stream about five State Police at Rockview barracks feet from the bank, opposite the

nd Centre County Coroner Charles home of Arch Heckman and the Sheckler, of Milesburg, after con- 100F hall in Spring Mills, The body PTA to Hold Annual Preducting an investigation, were unan- was face down, headed downstream. imous in the belief that the man and the clothing was covered with a apparently had fallen into the thin layer of silt which had settled

stream and drowned. There were no out of the muddy water of the marks on the body to indicate foul stream. Pvt. Robert W. Schriver, aged play, and the -man's silver watch. A small portion of the torso proabout 24 years, died March 15 in and nearly \$10 in currency and cash jected above the water line, and the clarify the record-keeping connected for their rights and struggled to Italy as the result of wounds re- were found intact in his clothing. body was clearly visible in the with the collection of Bellefonte ceived in action, according to a War Ripka, employed as a farmhand in slightly cloudy water. Searchers at borough school taxes was launched ment."

John A. Summers, Bellefonte, RD Department telegram received Tues- that area, disappeared on March 16, once notified the Coroner and Stete at a regular meeting of the school The historian commented that arday noon by his parents, Mr. and but no great alarm was felt by rela- Police and the body was not dis- board Monday night when the board rangements should be begun at once Contributions in Belle-Mrs. Lewis Schriver, of Millheim, R. tives since it had been his custom turbed until after officers had reach- approved a list of recommendations so that the anniversary is fittingly

D. No further details were given in in Penn's Valley without informing en to the F. V. Goodhart funeral some weeks ago to study the matter. and every business enterprise in the message, but it is known that anyone of his intentions. He fre- home in Centre Hall where officers The recommendations were sub-Pvt. Schriver was serving in the in- quently was absent for as much as conducted an examination to deter- mitted by board member Samuel D mine whether there were any evi- Rhinesmith, who is chairman of the two weeks at a time.

The county soldier entered the Discovery of the body came Fri- dences of foul play. special committee. service in April 1943 and underwent day after his prolonged absence. Investigators, tracing the man's Recommendations approved by the LUUA Steve Marinak, Lakewood, Ohio training in Alabama and Maryland alarmed relatives. Friday morning actions the day of his disappear- board and which are scheduled to before being sent overseas last Oc- a search was organized by his bro- ance, learned that he had left the go into effect with the beginning of tober. His last visit home was in thers, Jared B. Ripka, of Georges home of his sister, Mrs. W. B. Mus- the fiscal year, July 1, are as fol-September 1943 when he spent a Valley, and Charles J. Ripka, of *(Continued on page Four)* lows:

The school tax office is to be merged with the school board office and the office of the Supervising

Principal.

the duplicate.



Medals and Prizes for War Loan Work mittees for Year

Members of Bellefonte's two ser- Installation of officers was a highvice organizations, the American light of a meeting of the Auxiliary upon at a regular meeting of the at 4:45 o'clock, was destroyed. Three

F. Harman, commanding the U.S. Army Porces in the South Pacific areas, for outstanding service as an areid gummer from Auguss 22 to September 1943, with the 13th AAP in the South Pacific areas, for outstanding service as an areid gummer from Auguss 22 to September 1943, with the 13th AAP in the South Pacific areas, for outstanding service as an areid gummer from Auguss 22 to September 1943, with the 13th AAP in the South Pacific areas 2 monor is a south Pacific a Pleasant Gap Boy

Local Historian Launches Move For Sesqui-Centennial Observance of Bellefonte's Founding.

WHERE THE FUEL GOES

An Army Trans-

port burns 23,000

gallons of fael oil

Observance next year of the 150th town has ample opportunity to paranniversary of the founding of ticipate

Bellefonte was suggested this week Mr. Mitchell reviewed briefly the y J. Thomas Mitchell, Bellefonte events leading up to the formal attorney and historian, in his ca- founding of Bellefonte, and named pacity as secretary of the Centre some of the men who figured prom-County Historical Society. inently in this community's early In his statement suggesting the

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RED CROSS FUND

SUBSCRIPTION-\$1.50 PER YEAR.

Sesqui-Centennial celebration. Mr Mitchell said: "In these days of war School Clinic This and turmoil it is well for us to con sider what we have to fight for. The history of Bellefonte shows tremendous activity in its early days. It Another effort to simplify and shows that its citizens always fought

ed, Other Buildings Dam-

aged; \$250,000 Loss

More than 400 firemen from Lock

hours Tuesday morning in a con-

flagration at Lock Haven,

Found In Stream TAX RECORDS Planned In 1945

Complete Study of Re-

cording System

FOOTBALL DUMMIES

Spring

A tax calendar is to be prepared

for the use of board members. This

calendar will show the dates when

penalties are added, interest is ad-

de in the collection of taxes.

A new report form for the tax col-

lector is to be prepared so that re-

ports will give more complete infor-

mation regarding the condition of

All exonerations are to be revised

, and the other pertinent steps



fonte Area Only \$1,770 Under Quota

Mrs. William Kline, treasurer of the local chapter of the American Red Cross, announced today that \$11,039.88 had been contributed towards the 1944 American Red Cross War Fund drive.

The quota for the year is \$12,800 which leaves approximately \$1,770 to be subscribed. Any solicitors who Newberry Store Destroy- have not turned in their receipts are urged to do so as soon as possible so a complete report can be made. Contributions may be mailed to Mrs William Kline, East Bishop street.

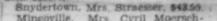
A great deal of credit is due to Haven, Mill Hall, Flemington and the following chairmen and work-Howard, battled flames for several ers in the outlying districts for their splendid efforts in soliciting for the which 1944 War Fund drive.

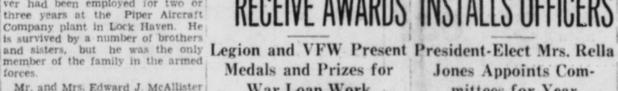
caused a loss estimated at \$250,000 Julian and Martha, Mrs. J. T. The three-story building owned by Henry, chairman, \$127.49.

Anthony Rinella, the first floor of Willowbank and Bush Addition which and the basement were occu- Mrs. Fred Brown, chairman, \$76.35. by the finance committee of the pied by the Newberry Department Are originated Areanann, Mrs. Don Ray, chairstore, in which the fire originated man, \$84.51.

Unionville, Mrs. Louise Stine,

Pleasant Gap. Mrs. Margaret





Bellefonte High School and studied was returning home from State Col-

at the Academy here before enter- lege. ing Lehigh University, Bethlehem. He escaped with a severe lacera-Upon his return to Bellefonte he be- tion of the left leg above the knee, came a student at the Academy avia- and minor bruises and lacerations tion school, and at the time of en- about the body. Brooks crawled from tering the Air Forces was employed his wrecked machine and was walkat the C. Y. Wagner mill'in Belle- ing about when aid arrived on the scene. He was taken to the Centre Oak Hall Couple



Altoona Degree . Te a m of the road, hugged the curb on the Elect Club Officers

along the berm, and crashed head-Ralph L. Toner was installed as long into that obstruction, completeexalted ruler of the Bellefonte Eks ly uprooting the post from its foun-Lodge at a meeting held Monday dation two feet underground. The night at the club home on West car then ran up on the overturned High street, with a degree team from post, where it came to a halt. Yates, Sr., in charge of the installa- the engine was driven back into the Supply store in Bellefonte.

chassis, the front of the car was retion ceremony Toner, well known Bellefonte post- duced to twisted wreckage, and the office employe, succeeds T. R. Rush frame was badly damaged. as head of the Elks Club.

Other officers installed were; esteemed leading knight, Edward R. Sunday Schools to Miller: esteemed loyal knight, Rich-ard L. Heverly: esteemed lecturing Hold Meeting in April knight, W. Fred Clevenstine; secretary, Richard P. Noll; treasurer, William H. Brouse; delegate to na. annual planning conference for Sabtional convention, Ralph L. Toner; bath School leaders in county and tiler, John Bottorf; chaplain, Chris- district work as the staff of the tian Harman, Jr.; esquire, Grover Centre County Sunday School As-C. Corman; inner guard, Malcolm W. sociation met recently.

Yeager, and trustee for three years. The conference will be held Sun-day, April 16, beginning at 2 p. m. T. R. Rush.

Elks Club officers are scheduled in the St. John's Evangelical church to be chosen at a regular meeting corner of Beaver avenue and Bur-Monday night, April 17. Following the installation cere- ton R. Vogel is host pastor. Dr. Wal-

mony a hot lunch was served and a ter M. Myers, secretary of the State social hour enjoyed.

Smullton Soldier Missing In Italy County. This is part of the program look-

ing toward the realization of the Mrs. Ellen Wolfe, of Smullton, county's goal for this year to "Make Monday night received a message Centre County a Banner County in Monday hight received a message Centre County a Banner County in from the War Department inform-ing her that her son Pfc. Lester Wolfe, is missing in action in Italy. Pfc. Wolfe is believed to have been on duty as an infantry scout when on duty as an infantry scout when the state staff.

pefore he became lost in action. (Continued on page Siz)

nere he served as innery school before being assign-d to overseas duty. Sgt. Wagner is a graduate of the bellefonte High School and studied t the Academy here before enter-t the Academy here before enter-t the escaped with a severe lacera-tere to be and the severe lacera the severe lacera to be and the severe lacera the severe lacera to be and the severe l State Police working on the case school, fourth grade, Miss Mary Un- Batagate: bearer No. 4. Mrs. Mary yesterday said the register was of derwood teacher; and Dale build- Louise Campana; historian, Mrs. child, struck by a truck near his

tor, Mrs. Dorothy Gross' musician, a dislocation of the pelvic bone and rich teacher. In addition, certificates and med-(Continued on Page Four)

als were given to the five individuals who sold the most bonds in the Married 50 Years drive. They were: Mary Lou Barra-

clough, Jacqueline Wolfe, Robert (Continued on page Siz)

Oak Hall, Sunday celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at an Red Cross to Hold "open house" for friends and neigh-

A seven-year-old Pleasant Gap C. Allen make, and asked ing, second grade. Mrs. Carl Deit- Lillian Nighthart; patriotic instruc-

> brush burns and bruises of the left side of his body. The child, Romer Derr. son of Mr

Mothers Club to Hear . and Mrs. Balston Derr. was running Address on Reading Pleasant Gap postoffice about 5 p. cross the road in front of the m, when he ran into either the front

An address "Challenging Data in or the right side of a truck driven Reading," by Miss Dorathy Holberg, by Louis Allison, of Burnham. The Annual Meeting of the reading clinic laboratory, youngster slid under the machine Penn State, will be a feature of a which was going uphill at a low rate regular meeting of the Bellefonte of speed. The driver stopped the ve-

The annual meeting of the Belle- Mothers' Club at the home of Mrs. hicle within less than six feet, State spent the early years of their mar- fonte chapter of the American Red Leif A. Olsen, on West Curtin street, Police at Pleasant Gap reported Here for Ceremony; To the foot of the hill, then began to ried life in Clinton county. They Cross will be held April 20 in the Thursday evening. April 13. The pro- After receiving preliminary treat moved to Oak Hall on March 17. Centre County court room, at 8 p. gram will begin at 8 o'clock. ment at the office of a Pleasant Gap The entertainment program, un-physician, the boy was brought to

1906 and have resided there ever m At this meeting the officers of the der the direction of Mrs. Neal Koh- the Centre County Hospital where They have the following children: chapter for the ensuing year will be ler and Mrs. Martin Kauffman, will an x-ray examination revealed the Laven E. Ferree, teacher in Chester; elected, with John Sommerville as include narration by members of dislocation. He is now under treat-Margaret Ferree, a teacher at Mar- chairman of the nominating com- embarrassing moments caused by ment at his parental home.

cus Hook; Walter L. Ferree, teacher mittee. All division chairmen at this their children. Each member is ask- The youth's father is "Red" Derr, in Ridley Park, and William C. Fer- time will present a report on their ed to bring a baby photograph of who is a Red Cross field director Altoona lodge, headed by William The steering wheel was shattered, ree, manager of the Kessinger Auto work for the past year. The public herself to be used in another part stationed at Castle Hot Springs. is invited to attend. Ark. of the entertainment program.

Struck by Truck To Be Named for Centre County



A flying ambulance like the one ence of Mrs. Harry W. Piper, of Al shown in the photo is to carry Cen- toona. Auxiliary president, and J tre county's name because the coun- W. Marvin, of the War Finance ty's American Legion Auxiliaries not Committee community division.

only reached but exceeded their Fifty ambulance planes will be quotas in the Fourth War Loan purchased with the \$5,665,417 in E ampaign in March. bonds sold by the American Legion In photo above Mrs. Arthur Bea- Auxiliary. Department of Pennsyl-

ness and civilian war aid meeting

to be held in Bellefonte on April 14.

members of the disaster prepared-

ver, American Legion Auxiliary war vania in the Fourth War Loan camactivities chairman, presents certif- paign.

icates of authority to Major Joel Y. Other neighboring counties for Ledbetter, deputy commanding of- which planes will be named include ficer. Second Ferrying Command, Clearfield, Huntingdon, Lycoming. New Castle Air Base, in the pres- Mifflin, Union, and Blair.

Newman to Direct Music at Service Philip Johnston and his committee

George Newman, well known vo- ness program will meet with Miss calist of Milesburg, frequently ap-pearing in chorus work in the Kipearing in chorus work in the Ki-wanis Club and Titan Metal Male Chorus, will direct the music and choir in evangelistic meetings at the Milesburg Presbyterian church, Ap-ril 23 to May 5.

ril 23 to May 5. Mr. Newman's understanding and enthusiasm qualify him for these Furey Takes Special important features of the services and the objects to be attained in Course at Pittsburgh this union effort sponsored by the

post with its attending responsibil- tage of the Easter holidays to attend ities. Mr. Newman's experience as a Clark Shaughnessy's coaching school churchman enables him to coordi- at the University of Pittsburgh

that of the visiting messenger, Dr. Shaughnessy is the originator of

note a Red Cross disaster prepared- late in the summer.



James C. Sheckler, Ptr. 2/c

Pic. Wolfe is believed to have been on duty as an infantry scout when last accounted for. The conference is arranged speci-chally for all county officers and the service. They are: Roy, Clar-be core and Cloyd. Their father, the late George Wolfe, died some weets ago, and it is believed that word of his death had not reached Lester before he became lost in action. Continued on page Siz) in the Navy January 19, 1942, at ducted into the U.S. Army October land. (Continued on Page Four)

Linn Sheekler, Ptr. 2/c

Lt. Charles L. Sheckler

six churches in this area. The committee in charge is grati-fied by his willing acceptance of the Bellefonte High School, took advan-

nate his department of effort with Thursday to Saturday inclusive.