

Where the Fuel Goes
A HEAVY BOMBER
cruising at a speed of 250
m.p.h. may use 200 gal-
lons of gasoline an hour.

The Centre Democrat

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An Army Trans-
port burns 33,000
gallons of fuel oil
a day.

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Woodward Area Ravaged by Storm

Wind, Rain, Hail Combined to Cause Heavy Damage to Crops and Property; Window Panes Broken by Hail

Considerable damage resulted to that water was as high as the run-
property, gardens, and crops in the
southeastern section of Centre
county early last Wednesday eve-
ning when a half-hour storm
brought severe lightning and thun-
der, torrents of rain mixed with
hail, and high winds.

The storm was the most severe in
the memory of old inhabitants of
that section, according to reports.
Beginning at 7:45 p. m., the storm
was so severe that Pine Creek which
passed through Woodward, rose four
feet in height in less than an hour
and the stream became a raging
torrent. A small creek at Fiedler left
its banks and flooded Route 45 so

COLLEGE STUDENT TAKES OWN LIFE

Believed Worried Over Health, Possible Induc- tion Into Service

Two days before he was scheduled
to take the pre-induction physical
examination at Altoona, Robert D.
Mathieu, 24, of Collegeville, a gradu-
ate fellow in chemical engineering
at Penn State, ended his life.

The man's lifeless body was found
by his roommate, Howard B. Irvin,
at 6:10 Monday morning, lying on a
settee in their room at 315 S. Atherton
street, State College, with cotton
soaked ether on his face. He had
been dead approximately four hours,
it was estimated.

Irvin played golf Sunday with
friends who reported that he seemed
in good spirits, but State College
Police Chief John R. Juba said that
letters found near the body, written
Sunday night, indicated the man
was suffering from a fear of ill
health, although several physicians
had told him his fears were ground-
less.

The letters also were said to con-
tain references to the futility of war
and of his aversion to it.

Centre County Coroner Charles
Shekier of Milesburg, certified that
Irvin had died by his own hand. The
body was removed to the Koch fu-
neral home in State College and the
parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Mathieu
of Collegeville, were notified. Later
the remains were taken to College-
ville for interment.

Miss McClure Retires; To Wed, June 8th

Miss Mary Katharine McClure of
West Bishop street, Bellefonte, an
operator in the Bellefonte office of
the Bell Telephone Company, re-
tires on pension today after more
than 22 years with the company.

Miss McClure was honored at a
party and shower, Monday evening,
May 15, given by the local telephone
operators and former operators. Miss
McClure, who has lived in Belle-
fonte all her life, is a member of
the Telephone Pioneers of America,
organization of veteran telephone
employees. She will be married to
Harry Buckley, an engineer for the
Canadian General Company, on
June 8, in Toronto, Canada. They
plan to live at 709 Water street,
Peterboro, Ontario.

CHILD INJURED IN FALL FROM CAR

A four-year-old State College boy
was painfully injured Sunday night
when he fell from the rear door of
his parents' sedan as it was travel-
ing up the Pine Grove Mills moun-
tain enroute to State College from
Huntingdon.

The boy, Fay Harker, Jr., son of
Mr. and Mrs. Fay Harker, of 218
South Burrows street, was admitted
to the Centre County Hospital, suf-
fering from severe cuts on the head
and bruise burns on face and body.
His condition is improving, it is re-
ported.

The accident occurred while the
Harker family was returning home
after a Mother's Day visit with Mr.
Harker's mother, Mrs. Grace Har-
ker of Huntingdon. Because of re-
capped tires which Mr. Harker feared
might be dangerous, the car was
traveling at a speed of only 20 miles
an hour when the rear door became
unfastened in some way and Fay,
who was riding on the back seat
with his twin brother, Ray, and an-
other brother, Richard, 2, tumbled
out on the road.

The youngster struck the maca-
dam surface of the road with his
head and rolled over several times
before his body came to rest at the
side of the highway. The low speed
of the car is believed to be the re-
ason that more serious injury did
not result.

AGED WOMAN BADLY BURNED AT BOALSBURG

Mrs. Emma Young, 77, Is Brought to Centre County Hospital

CANDLE IGNITES SLEEVE OF DRESS

Accident Happens When Victim Goes to Cellar For Can of Fruit

Mrs. Emma Young, 77, of Boals-
burg, was painfully burned about the
face, head, shoulders, and right arm
early Tuesday morning in an acci-
dent at her home.

The aged woman is now a patient
at the Centre County Hospital where
attendants report her condition as
being satisfactory.

Mrs. Young, who lives alone at
Boalsburg, is said to have gone to
the cellar early Tuesday morning to
get a can of fruit. In searching
through the fruit cupboard she was
using a tallow candle and as she
reached into the cupboard with her
right hand the sleeve passed over
the open flame and caught fire.

Her clothing was soon a mass of
flames. Mrs. Young ran to the
ground floor where neighbors went
to her assistance.

The woman was brought to the
hospital by her daughter, Mrs. Peter
Knepp of Millbrook, and was admit-
ted to the institution about 11:30
Tuesday morning.

Six-Year-Old Girl Injured in Accident

Carol Ann Spicer, 6, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Spicer, of South Spring street, Bellefonte, was treated at the Centre County Hos- pital on Sunday morning for slight injuries received when she was struck by an Edwards bus at Spring and High streets.

The accident occurred about 10:45
a. m. when the child was watching
a car back out of a parking place
and did not see the bus start mov-
ing after having stopped at the in-
tersection. X-rays at the hospital
disclosed that no bones had been
broken, although the girl had re-
ceived a badly bruised and skinned
ankle and severe bruise burns. After
treatment she was allowed to return
to her home.

BOWLING ALLEY TO OPEN FRIDAY

IOOF Center Provides 5 Modern, Full-Sized Alleys

Opening of the new and modern
Odd Fellows Club Bowling Center
in the former Claster Hardware
store room on West High street will
take place at 7 o'clock tomorrow
(Friday) night, officials of the IOOF
announced yesterday.

The building has been completely
remodeled and redecorated for its
new place in the recreational life
of the community. Five modern bow-
ling alleys, of regulation size, have
been installed, and the alleys are
adequately illuminated day or night
by fluorescent lighting.

Comfortable bleachers have been
provided for the spectators and all
facilities for the comfort and conven-
ience of patrons have been installed.
Soft drinks, candy, and ice cream
will be on sale at the new center.

Opening of the alleys will give
Bellefonte bowlers for the first time
the opportunity of using full size
alleys.

BHS Student Wins Essay Scholarship

Miss Frances Snook, a senior at
the Bellefonte High School, was de-
clared winner of the senatorial
scholarship to Penn State, given
through the Bi-County Council of
American Legion, it was announced
this week by Samuel D. Rhinesmith
of Bellefonte, bi-county commander.

Others whose essays entitled them
to the scholarship were Barbara G.
Brown, Osceola Mills High School;
and Shirley Jaffe, Phillipsburg High
School. Miss Jaffe will accept the
scholarship which is made possible
through Senator A. H. Letzler of
Houtzdale.

The subject of the essay was "For
This We Fight." Judging was done
by J. Fred Harvey of Phillipsburg,
chairman of the Legion's Bi-County
American committee, and Robert
E. Galbraith, professor of the En-
glish composition department at the
College.

Four other high school students,
Delcie Rowles, Curwensville; Mar-
jorie Powers, Osceola Mills; Mar-
jorie Sinclair and Philip Morrison, of
Coalport, also competed in the con-
test.

Brother is Ill
The family of James Craig, who is
very ill at his home in Julian, would
like to know the address of his brother,
Dan Craig. Any information will
be appreciated.

Memorial Services at Julian
Memorial Day services will be held
at Julian cemetery at 11 a. m. May
30. Rev. Gordon will be in charge.

Wedded Fifty Years

MR. AND MRS. JOHN C. CRATER

of Aaronsburg, will observe their fiftieth wedding anniversary Saturday, May 20th, 1944.

May 20, 1894, at Millheim, Mr. Crater
and in earlier years Mr. Crater
followed other occupations.

Mr. Crater, who is 73 years of age,
is a son of James and Amelia Rockey
Crater. His wife, 69, is a daughter
of Lewis and Promila (Kramer)
Snively. Both enjoy reasonably good
health. They are members of the
Evangelical church.

This estimable couple reared a
family of seven children and had
one son who died in infancy. The
Paul Keene farm nearby Aarons-
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Married Sixty-Five Years

MR. AND MRS. CALVIN J. WEAVER

of Rebersburg, today are observing their 65th wedding anniversary at their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin J. Weaver, of
Rebersburg, today are celebrating
an anniversary few couples ever are
privileged to observe, for today they
have been married 65 years.

Tomorrow Mr. Weaver will attain
his 85th birthday and on May 7 Mrs.
Weaver became 84 years of age.

The prominent couple were mar-
ried at Sellersburg on May 18, 1879
by the Rev. William Haas, of the
Reformed church. For eleven years
they resided on a farm at Mazopa
and from there moved to the Dan-
iel Brungart farm in Brush Valley
where they remained for 24 years
before retiring from active life in
1915. Since then they have occupied

the same home in Rebersburg.
Both members of the couple are
lifelong members of the Reformed
church. Mr. Weaver has been con-
fined to a wheel chair for the past
two years because of a foot infec-
tion. Mrs. Weaver, who is not in
good health, does all her household
and gardening in addition to tak-
ing care of her husband.

The couple has four sons, namely:
Dr. Palmer C. Weaver, of State Col-
lege; Harry Weaver, of New Ken-
sington; William Weaver, of Pit-
cairn; and Curtis Weaver, of Res-
tle.

Because of Mr. Weaver's health,
no special celebration is being plan-
ned for the 65th anniversary today.

Clarence Youth Is Wounded In Action

Pvt. Martin "Bucky" Rackovan, 20,
son of Mr. and Mrs. John Rackovan
of Clarence, was wounded in
action while fighting in the jungles
of New Guinea on April 22, accord-
ing to a War Department message
received by his parents last week.

Pvt. Rackovan, a brother of Mrs.
Edward Hampton, of North Thomas
street, Bellefonte, and Mrs. Albert
W. Smith, of West Linn street,
Bellefonte, has been overseas more
than seven months. The Clarence
soldier was believed to be serving
with an engineering unit at the
time he received his wound, about
which no details have as yet been
disclosed by the government.

Pvt. Rackovan was called for ser-
vice on April 25, 1943, and after cus-
tomary examinations at the New
Cumberland reception center he was
sent to Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.,
where he was assigned to an en-
gineering battalion.

After spending three months in
training he was sent to San Fran-
cisco, Calif., from where he shipped
overseas to New Guinea last Octo-
ber.

He attended the Clarence grade
schools and was a member of the
St. Michael's church baseball team
of that community. Before entering
service he was employed in a war
plant at Detroit, Mich.

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Resident Scores Lime Dust Evil

Mrs. Frederick F. Hallowell Alleges Dust Is Causing Heavy Property Damage; Coun- cil Has 5 Applicants for Health Officer

A strong indictment of lime dust
and its effects upon property in this
area was read at a regular meeting
of Bellefonte Council, Monday night.
The complaint was submitted in
writing by Mrs. Frederick F. Hallowell,
of North Allegheny street, who
termed the presence of lime dust
"unbearable and destructive."

Specifically outlining her charges,
Mrs. Hallowell wrote that the exterior
paint of her home, the former
Governor Hastings residence on
North Allegheny street, has been
ruined by lime dust and that it is
futile to repaint until the dust nu-
isance has been eliminated.

Repeated scrubbing of interior
paint to remove dust which seeps
into the home has caused much
damage to inside paint, Mrs. Hallowell
alleges.

Continuing, the writer set forth
that the upholstering of furniture
has been severely damaged; that
the limedust coating on the brown-
stone walls about the property can
be removed only by an expensive
sandblast process; that the porches
cannot be used because of the dust
and that repeated scrubbing of
porch floors has caused premature
rotting of the wood.

Mrs. Hallowell voiced the com-
plaint that because of lime dust
"household work never ends," and
declared that the cost of maintain-
ing a home is expensive because of
the extra cleaning made necessary.

Concluding, the writer charged
that the dust has greatly harmed
costly and extensive paneled wood-
work in her home, and that the sum
total of the evil has caused much
"mental worry and distraction."

Councilman Walter R. Ebsbhart,
chairman of the special committee
in charge of lime dust elimination,
declared that unless his committee
soon is convinced that the Warner
Company will make faster progress
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SERVING WITH U.S. FORCES IN INDIA

Evan Blanchard, Captain in Air Group in Wilds of Burma Jungles

Evan Blanchard, former well
known Bellefonte resident, is a Cap-
tain in the Air Transport Command
and has been in India for a year. He
is serving in the India-China-Burma
theatre of war, according to word
received by his aunt, Mrs. Robert
M. Beach and Miss Mary Miles
Blanchard, all of West Linn street.

Captain Blanchard volunteered for
service nearly two years ago and
upon completing training was sent
to the Far East. He frequently flies
over what is called "The Hump"
between India and China, and when
last heard from was on a trek in
the jungles of Burma, where he vis-
ited places where no white man had
ever been seen.

During his travels in the Burma
jungles, Captain Blanchard and his
party had frequent encounters with
deadly snakes and on one occasion
met a Bengal tiger which fled be-
fore it could be shot.

The monthly payments are made
to workers who retire after becoming
65 years of age; to wives of such
workers at age 65; to widows of
workers at age 65; to younger wid-
ows with dependent children in their
care; to dependent children and to
dependent parents.

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In This Cawner, Council - In This 27 Hives of Bees

There is something new under the
sun, after all.
For years Bellefonte Council has
been beset by problems arising from
the handling of various types of
livestock.

Fifty years ago the borough gov-
ernment scored its first major vic-
tory over the forces of nature by
banning cows from the public
streets.

Since then we've seen gigantic
battles with the following contend-
ers:
Council vs. dogs.
Council vs. mosquitoes.
Council vs. fish.
Council vs. pigs.
Council vs. ducks and swans.

It's anyone's guess as to who won
those battles, for there never have
been any clear-cut decisions such as
in the cow war. In fact, many of the
battles are continuing affairs, break-
ing out every now and then in a new
place.

The initial shot in the new battle
against the powers of nature was
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SABBATH SCHOOL TO CONVENE HERE

Full Day of Activities Scheduled at Methodist Church May 25

The annual spring convention of
the Centre County Sabbath School
Association will be held May 25 in
the Methodist church, Bellefonte.
The day will begin with registration
at 9 a. m.

The Rev. H. C. Stenger, Jr., pas-
tor of the host church, will preside
at the morning session which will
begin at 9:30, and lead the devotions
and bring a word of welcome to the
officers and delegates of the county.

A demonstration of the use of vi-
sual and auditory aids in the church
school will be presented at 10 o'clock
by the Rev. Milton R. Vogel, pastor
of St. John's Evangelical church,
State College. Records, stereoptical
slides and motion pictures will be
used in the demonstration.

The morning address will be deliv-
ered at 10:20 by the Rev. Lee J.
Gable, state director of Leadership
and Week Day Religious Education
on the theme, "Christians Incorporated."
Rev. Gable is an inspirational
speaker.

The worship service at 1:20 p. m.
will be in charge of the Rev. H. C.
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CAPT. COX MEETS BROTHER OVERSEAS

Former Local Guardsman Gives Soldier's Views on Invasion

Captain William C. Cox, who left
Bellefonte with the local National
Guard unit, and who has been with
that organization ever since, in-
cluding its present period of train-
ing in England, recently met his
younger brother, Pvt. James L. Cox
in England, according to a letter re-
ceived recently by the men's par-
ents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cox, of
Jamieson, L. I., formerly of Belle-
fonte.

The letter, L. I., arrived in Bellefonte
Tuesday for a several days' visit
with relatives.

According to Captain Cox, his
chief worry about the coming in-
vasion is that the folks back home
will be scurrying about him. Here's
what he writes regarding the in-
vasion:

"Please don't worry. We have all
been well trained in how to take
care of ourselves, how to do our jobs
and how to stay healthy. None of us
is going to go around sticking our
necks out. We have the best equip-
ment in the world and more of it
than anybody else. If it comes our
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EPISCOPAL RECTOR HERE RESIGNS

Rev. F. P. Davis Accepts Call to Trinity Church, Williamsport

The Rev. Francis Paul Davis, rector
of St. John's Episcopal church,
Bellefonte, has announced his resig-
nation from that post to accept the
rectorship of Trinity Episcopal
church, Williamsport.

The announcement was made at
the close of the morning services,
Sunday, and the change is to be-
come effective on June 15.

At Williamsport the Rev. Mr.
Davis will succeed Rev. J. Moulton
Thomas who resigned in March to
become rector of the St. Matthew's
Episcopal church in Wheeling, W.
Va.

The Rev. Mr. Davis, who is 33
years old, has served the Bellefonte
parish for two years. A native of
Cotestown, he was graduated from
the Coatesville High School, from
Dickinson College at Carlisle, and
from Drew Theological Seminary
at Philadelphia Divinity School.

Active in the affairs of the Dioc-
ese of Harrisburg, the Rev. Mr.
Davis is chairman of the diocesan
youth commission and will serve as
dean of the annual youth confer-
ence to be held in June at Central
Oak Heights, near Milton. The con-
ference is an educational meeting of
representatives of all the Sunday
schools and young peoples' organi-
zations in the diocese.

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Elks Plan Flag Day Ceremony, June 14

The annual Flag Day ceremonies
conducted by the Bellefonte Elks
Lodge will be held June 14 in the
Bellefonte High School auditorium
instead of on the Court House steps
as has been the custom in past
years.

All organizations of Bellefonte and
vicinity are invited to take part in
a parade which will be held preced-
ing the ceremonies. The program
will include an address by a well
known speaker and a history of the
flag by John G. Love, of Bellefonte,
with Elks lodge officers assisting.

Gets 60 Days Jail On Check Charges

H. S. Klinefelter, of Bellefonte,
appeared at a special session of
court here Monday and entered a
plea of guilty to a charge of issuing
worthless checks on State College
and Bellefonte merchants.

The man was sentenced to pay the
costs and undergo imprisonment in
the county jail for 60 days.

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