



### Where the Fuel Goes

A HEAVY BOMBER cruising at a speed of 250 m.p.h. may use 200 gallons of gasoline an hour.

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### WHERE THE FUEL GOES

An Army Transport burns 32,000 gallons of fuel oil a day.



SUBSCRIPTION—\$1.50 PER YEAR.

## Heavy Damage Cause by Flood

### Five Feet of Water Traffic on Bald Eagle Highway; Far Roads Badly Washed by "Flash" Storm.

Upper Bald Eagle Valley yesterday was taking stock of damage caused by flood waters caused by "flash" storms which struck that area Tuesday afternoon and night, causing a complete cessation of traffic over Route 220 in two places until early yesterday morning.

## CENTRE HALL MAN IS WAR PRISONER

### S/Sgt. Kenneth L. Runkle in Germany, Red Cross Informs Family

Staff Sgt. Kenneth L. Runkle, Centre Hall airman who has been listed as missing in action since an air raid over Germany from English bases on April 8, is a prisoner in Nazi Germany, according to a telegram from the International Red Cross received by the youth's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Runkle.

No further details were included in the telegram, which indicated that a letter containing more information would follow shortly.

The Centre Hall flyer, who had been serving as a top turret gunner on a B-17 Flying Fortress, was believed to have taken part in great raids by Fortresses and Liberators on airplane assembly plants in old Poland, East Prussia, and Germany itself.

Before his last flight S/Sgt. Runkle had expected to return home for a furlough after completing five more missions with his bomber crew.

He enlisted in the Air Force on November 2, 1942. He was first sent to New Cumberland and then to Miami Beach, Fla., where he underwent training as a mechanic. He also attended school in Texas and the Boeing Aircraft School at Seattle, Wash., before being sent abroad.

In March, S/Sgt. Runkle, was awarded an Air Medal in recognition of his having completed five missions over occupied Europe as top turret gunner on the Flying Fortress Rosemary III.

The Centre Hall gunner was graduated from the Centre Hall-Porter High School in 1941, where he was a member of the high school basketball team. Before enlisting he was employed at the Wallace Bohm farm, Centre Hall.

Former Countess Is Killed in Italy

Dorsey Hunter, of East Curtin street, Bellefonte, Tuesday night received word that his nephew, Porter Reeser, aged about 30, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Reeser, of Lancaster, formerly of Snow Shoe, had been killed in action in Italy on December 4, 1943.

Some time ago Reeser was reported missing in action, and word of his death was contained in a War Department message received by his parents, Tuesday.

Reeser, who was well known in various parts of Centre county through frequent fishing trips to Bellefonte and in Penna. Valley, enlisted in the army more than two years ago and saw service in North Africa, Sicily and Italy.

Prior to entering the service he was employed by the National Cash Register Company in Lancaster. He was unmarried and is survived by his parents and by a brother, Harold, living in Reading. His mother is a sister of Mr. Hunter, of Bellefonte.

## 21 TO GRADUATE AT PORT MATILDA

### Dramatization of Stephen Foster's Life to be Highlight of Program

Twenty-one persons will receive diplomas at annual commencement exercises of Port Matilda High School, in the Methodist church at Port Matilda, Wednesday, May 31, school officials announced yesterday.

The members of the class now in the armed forces will be among those to be graduated.

As a highlight of the program, students will participate in dramatization of Stephen Foster's life, through narrations, stage portrayal of incidents in his career, and through solo, ensemble and orchestra renditions of some of the songs for which he is best known.

Members of the class is Betty Weston, while the salutatorian will be Esther Weaver. Jennie Fleisher will receive the citizenship award and the athletic award will be presented to Don Myers.

Members of the class are: Kathryn E. Beamer, John M. Blazovsky, Madalen M. Daughenbaugh, Stanley R. Dillen, William G. Dillen in the

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## COUNTY PILOT LOSES LIFE IN PLANE CRASH

### Lieut. Jimmie Kelley, 27, Died May 6 in Corsica, Relatives Learn

### WAS SERVING HIS SECOND ENLISTMENT

### Was Former Stunt Driver For Jimmie Lynch Death Dodgers

Lt. Jimmie Kelley, 27, of Moshannon, was killed in a plane crash May 6 in Corsica where he had been stationed for the past few weeks prior to his death, according to a War Department telegram received Saturday by his uncle and aunt, Charles J. McGowan and Miss Mary C. McGowan, of Moshannon, with whom he made his home.

Lt. Kelley, who completed an enlistment in the Air Corps in 1937, re-enlisted in the Army Air Forces as a private on January 29, 1942, at MacDill Field, Florida.

After a period of training at MacDill Field and Camp Blanding, Florida, he was transferred to Keesler Field where he received an assignment to the Boeing School of Aeronautics at Oakland, California. There he completed a six months' course as an aircraft mechanic.

Appointed an Aviation Cadet at San Francisco, Cal., he subsequently received his flight training in Alabama, Florida, and Georgia, where he received his wings. He was awarded his commission at Turner Field, Albany, Georgia, in August, 1943. His transitional training at the Columbia Army Air Base, Columbia, S. C., was completed in February, 1944.

At the time of his death, Lt. Kelley had been overseas only two months, serving in North Africa, Italy and Corsica where he completed several missions as a bomber pilot.

Prior to the war he was a stunt driver for the Jimmie Lynch Death Dodgers and appeared at the New York World's Fair and in almost every State in the United States.

He was graduated from the Snow Shoe High School in the class of 1934.

Lt. Kelley is survived by his father and step-mother, Mr. and Mrs. James P. Kelley, and the following brothers and sisters, all of Philadelphia: Mrs. D. K. Mason, Jack Kelley, Mrs. William Z. Maguire, Jane Kelley, and Robert Kelley, a younger brother, Michael, is stationed at the Naval Air Station at Corpus Christi, Texas.

Banjo Band To Sell Equipment

At a recent meeting of officers and members of the Bellefonte Banjo Band, it was announced by band director Victor H. Pifer that owing to the fact that he has no plans for using the post-war band members' present uniforms and other equipment of the junior band should be sold and the money converted into war bonds for future use by the now-adult organization.

The band, which has 53 members in the armed forces, has a number of uniforms now in storage vaults, as well as parade drums, cymbals, amplifiers, batons and other equipment for which there is a good market at present.

Funds realized from the sale of equipment will be turned over to Martha Mingo, band treasurer, for use as the post-war band members choose. The band now holds a \$500 bond and has nearly \$200 in the treasury, it was reported.

The Banjo Band was organized 12 years ago and during its colorful history appeared at the World's Fair, the Jersey Boardwalk, Niagara Falls and a number of cities in Pennsylvania.

True friendship is based upon service to others, not upon favors received.

Plans are being completed by Brooks-Doll Post, American Legion, and Jackson-Crisman-Saylor Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, for the annual Memorial Day celebration to be held in Bellefonte, Tuesday, the exercises will include a parade and a speaking program which will be held on the Diamond.

Col. John M. Bain, of Northumberland, a member of American Legion Post No. 44, Northumberland, and a well known speaker, will give the address on the Diamond. Rt. Rev. William E. Downes of St. John's Catholic church, Bellefonte, will give the invocation, and H. C. Stenger, Jr., pastor of the Bellefonte Methodist church, will pronounce the benediction.

Organizations invited to take part in the parade are the Elks, Moose, P. O. S. of A., Logan Fire Company, Undine Fire Company, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and other groups, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Drum Corps, the Bellefonte High School Band and the American

Legion Band will take part in the parade and exercises.

The program at the Diamond will open with the playing of "The Star Spangled Banner" by the bands, followed by the invocation and a selection by the V. F. W. Pipe and Drum Corps. After the address by Col. Bain, Rev. Stenger will pronounce the benediction. A salute by the firing squad of the Veterans of Foreign Wars will be followed by taps.

The parade will form at Howard and Allegheny streets at 6 p. m. and will move at 6:30 p. m. The speaking program will begin at 7 p. m.

The route of the parade is as follows: West on Howard to Spring, south on Spring to High; east on High to Allegheny, south on Allegheny to Bishop, west on Bishop to Spring, north on Spring to High, east on High to the Diamond for the speaking program.

Members of the committee from both the Legion and the Veterans

## County Prepares For 5th Loan Drive

### Quota Set at New High of \$2,238,000 in Campaign Beginning June 12; Nine Districts Are Assigned Local Quotas.

Centre County's War Finance Committee, under the direction of Chairman Claude G. Aikens, of State College, at a meeting this week prepared the way for the Fifth War Loan drive in which the county quota is \$2,238,000—or \$295,000 greater than the assignment for the fourth War Loan.

The campaign will open on June 12 and will continue until July 8. As the first step in making ready for the sale of an unprecedented number of all types of bonds, Mr. Aikens at the meeting this week assigned to each of the nine county districts the quotas they are expected to sell their share in the Fifth Loan drive.

In the case of the fourth drive, special emphasis again will be placed on the sales of bonds to individuals, particularly the "E" series bonds. In the fourth drive Centre county's quota of "E" bonds was \$887,000, and a total of \$910,000 was sold—or 103 per cent of the quota.

For the Fifth Loan, the county's "E" bond quota is \$895,000. Mr. Aikens reported. The quota of other types of bonds to be sold to individuals is \$698,000 and the assignment set for sales to corporations, clubs and other groups is \$645,000.

In the following breakdown by districts the names of the district, the chairman of that district, and the quotas assigned for various types of bonds are given:

State College, H. R. Gilbert: E bonds, \$245,000; others to individuals, \$190,000; clubs and corporations, \$83,000; total, \$518,000.

Bellefonte, Horace J. Hartranft: E bonds, \$225,000; others to individuals, \$190,000; clubs, corporations, \$140,000; total, \$555,000.

Phillipsburg, John Lux: E bonds, \$220,000; others to individuals, \$169,000; clubs, corporations, \$140,000; total, \$529,000.

Centre Hall, Frank V. Goodhart: E bonds, \$41,000; others to individuals, \$30,000; clubs, corporations, \$20,000; total, \$91,000.

Snow Shoe, Clair Hall: E bonds, \$41,000; others to individuals, \$35,000; corporations, \$5,000; total, \$81,000.

Howard, Donald B. Gardner: E bonds, \$41,000; others to individuals, \$35,000; clubs, corporations, \$15,000; total, \$91,000.

Millheim, S. Ward Gramley: E bonds, \$42,000; others to individuals, \$35,000; clubs, corporations, \$15,000; total, \$92,000.

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## NAME OFFICERS OF WOMAN'S CLUB

### Mrs. Alexander Brown, New Chairman, Presides at Dinner Meeting

At the annual dinner meeting of the Bellefonte Woman's Club, held Monday night at the Broeckerhoff Hotel with approximately 75 members and guests present, Mrs. Edward R. Miller, retiring president, placed the gavel in the hands of Mrs. Alexander Brown, newly elected president of the club.

Other officers elected to serve with Mrs. Brown were: first vice president, Miss Catherine Burkett; second vice president, Mrs. William Hoover; recording secretary, Mrs. Harry P. Jones; corresponding secretary, Mrs. E. Keith Anderson; treasurer, Mrs. James Logan; parliamentarian, Mrs. Wallace J. Ward; members-at-large, Mrs. Edward Miller, Mrs. W. Leslie Thomas and Mrs. W. J. Emerick; nominating committee, Mrs. Hays Mattern, Jr., Miss Mary Forbes and Mrs. Christian Harman; auditing committee, Miss Mary Rankin and Miss Eleanor Wilson. Mrs. Miller paid special tribute to past presidents present as follows: Mrs. Robert Mills Beach, Mrs. Wallace J. Ward, Mrs. R. C. Blaney, Mrs. E. E. Widdowson and Mrs. Robert Eckenrode.

Mrs. C. G. Peters, of State College, retiring vice president of North Centre District, spoke briefly, and Mrs. Arthur W. Cowell, retiring president of Centre County Federation of Woman's Clubs, also gave a short talk. Mrs. Wallace J. Ward, president of the Centre County Federation of Women's Clubs, presided.

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## Two Jailed In Theft of Gasoline and Hams

Paul Rossman, of Bellefonte and Joseph Coleville, are lodged in the County jail without bail for their appearance in court on charges of burglary resulting from the theft of gasoline and a ham from the John Tressler farm near the Henderson school on the Jacksonville road, April 29.

The men were committed to jail by Justice of the Peace William H. Brown, of West High street. Rossman and Peters were arrested by State Police at Rockview barracks, who with the aid of Chief of Police Dukeman, of Bellefonte, investigated the burglary.

## Centre Hall Yank In England, Hits Postal 'Jack Pot'

Sgt. Donald G. Foust, formerly of Centre Hall, now in the services of the U. S. Air Force Maintenance Work stationed somewhere in England, completed a 17-day course in an RAF school. Upon returning to his base he found awaiting his presence, 61 letters, a package, his weekly paper, The Centre Democrat, and his course on Diesel Engines upon which he will study in the near future.

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## PENICILLIN IN USE HERE FOR FIRST TIME

### Local Man Shows Improvement Under 'Miracle Drug'

### SUPPLY BROUGHT FROM LOCK HAVEN

### Patient, Harry Lutz, Suffers From Blood Stream Infection

Penicillin, the new "miracle drug" is being used for the first time at the Centre County Hospital in what seems to be a successful fight to save the life of a 69-year-old Bellefonte man who is suffering from a streptococcal blood-stream infection.

Victim of the disease is Harry Lutz, of East Bishop street, who became ill suddenly on Monday last week. His muscles and joints stiffened and he developed a high temperature. The following day he was removed to the hospital, where all the usual drugs customarily used in such cases were administered without effect.

Mr. Lutz's temperature ranged up to 105 degrees and he was not rational much of the time. When all efforts to reduce the temperature failed physicians at the hospital, availing themselves of penicillin which was made available to the public only a week or more ago, obtained a supply from the nearest depot in this area—the Lock Haven Hospital.

The drug was first administered Friday afternoon and additional amounts have been given ever since, the penicillin being injected into veins. Saturday Mr. Lutz's temperature dropped steadily, and early this week neared the normal level. Yesterday his temperature was back to normal, and hospital attaches felt confident that the infection had been checked.

Attendants report that since the drug was first administered, Mr. Lutz's condition, which was regarded as being critical, has improved to the extent that his complete recovery is anticipated. They credit penicillin with having saved his life.

## 19 MEN CALLED TO NAVY DUTY

### Bellefonte Group to Go to Altoona by Bus on June 1

Nineteen men, all of them volunteers, will leave next Thursday, June 1, for Altoona, for induction into the Navy as the current quota from Local Draft Board No. 2, of Bellefonte, it was announced this week by Roy Schreffler, board secretary.

The men will report to the Penn. Belle Hotel in Bellefonte at 10:30 a. m. to board a bus for Altoona.

Those in the group are as follows: Jack H. Yeager, Bellefonte; John A. Summers, Bellefonte RD 3; Charles D. Sayers, Howard; Frank William Richards, York (Powellton); Orvis C. Holt, Williamsport (Moshannon); William E. Lucas, Bellefonte; Albert L. Young, Howard; Samuel A. Shilling, Bellefonte; Richard C. Taylor, Bellefonte; James E. Sents, Mingo; James E. Hinds, Mingo; Warner N. Crawford, Monument; Robert O. Malin, Bridgeport, Conn.; Philip Eugene Gehret, Bellefonte; Charles D. Sayers, Howard; Robert R. Berardis, Bellefonte; Charles L. Spotts, Julian; Walter G. Bechdel, Monument; Donald C. Howard, Bellefonte; Richard L. Weyman, Bellefonte.

## Non-Resident High Examinations May 27

The non-resident entrance examination for High School will be held at the following places on Saturday, May 27. The examination will begin at 9:00 a. m.

Bellefonte, Hubersburg, Howard, Phillipsburg, Port Matilda, Snow Shoe and State College.

## CANNING SCHOOL HERE TONIGHT

### 'Home Food Preservation' to be Discussed at Session at BHS Auditorium

The subject "Home Food Preservation"—more important this year than ever before—will be discussed by Miss Janet Solsion, home service director, West Penn. Power Company, and Miss Louise Smith, home economist and defense nutritionist, Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing Company, at the "Health for Victory" cooking school this Thursday evening, May 25, at 7:30, in the high school auditorium.

Food rationing has made it necessary to plan now for next winter's meals, and with even greater acreage planted in victory gardens, the housewife is looking ahead. Miss Solsion will describe the various canning methods and reviewing canning failures and successes of the 1943 Victory harvest.

Discussing the canning meeting, Miss Solsion today said: "Many women never canned before last year."

## Three Injured When Car Driver Sleeps

Three residents of Indiana, Pa., were injured early last Wednesday morning when the driver of their car fell asleep and the machine crashed into Patterson's service station, State College.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Ray and daughter, Lucille, 18, were brought in the Alpha Fire Company ambulance to the Centre County Hospital, where Mr. and Mrs. Ray are suffering from lacerations of the head and their daughter is being treated for a small scalp wound and other injuries.

The accident happened at 2 a. m. as the car was traveling along the road from Old Port to Boalsburg. The driver, Mr. Ray, apparently fell asleep at the wheel and the car careened across the road and into the service station. No damage resulted to the station, but damage to the car, a 1940 Studebaker President sedan, was estimated at \$400. The Indiana couple were enroute to their home from Lewisburg, where they had picked up their daughter, a student at Bucknell University.

## NONE HURT IN HEAD-ON CRASH NEAR MONUMENT

Damage totaling \$250 was caused to cars operated by William J. H. Fulger, Lock Haven, and Benjamin Merryman of Monument, in a crash early Sunday morning on Route 364, near Monument. An investigation of the accident was made yesterday by State Police from the Pleasant Gap sub-station.

The cars crashed head-on as they were traveling toward each other. No one was injured.

## POSTOFFICE CLOSED MAY 30

The Bellefonte Postoffice will observe Memorial Day, May 30, 1944, as a legal holiday. There will be no window or delivery service, but mail will be dispatched as usual.

## Program at Pleasant Gap

The Inter-Organization Council of Pleasant Gap is in charge of arrangements for Memorial services at

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## 121 To Graduate From Local High

### Exercises to be Held at School Auditorium, June 8th; Rev. Francis P. Davis Will Be Baccalaureate Speaker.

One hundred twenty-one persons, 16 of them in the armed forces, are scheduled to be graduated at the annual commencement exercises of the Bellefonte High School to be held Thursday evening, June 8, in the Bellefonte High School auditorium, it was announced yesterday.

In the class are 49 boys and 72 girls. Members of the graduating class are as follows: (asterisks before the names indicating those in the armed forces).

Boys: James Albright, Richard Allan, (Continued on page four)

## AUMAN RE-ELECTED HEAD OF EAGLES

### Installation Ceremonies to be Held in Lodge Rooms Tonight

Lawrence L. Auman, of Bellefonte, will be installed as president of the Fraternal Order of Eagles of Bellefonte at ceremonies to be held at the organization's rooms on South Spring street, tonight. Auman was re-elected head of the lodge at a recent meeting.

Other officers to be installed are: Arthur Houck, vice president, re-elected; Leroy Reside, secretary, re-elected; Fred Cosio, treasurer, re-elected; Willis McKinley, chaplain; J. R. Goodhart, worthy conductor; Fred Tressler, inside guard; Robert Broome, trustee for three years.

Fred Yearick is junior past worthy president, A. A. Kohlbecker, trustee for two years, and B. J. Grycko, trustee for one year.

The Bellefonte lodge was organized November 7, 1943 with 126 charter members. During a drive which closed recently 134 members were initiated, bringing the total to 260 members. Approximately 20 members are in service.

Mr. Reside has been named a member of a permanent committee of members of various lodges and organizations which will work together in promoting community athletics and other activities.

## Smoke at Hospital Causes False Alarm

When someone residing near the Centre County Hospital mistook smoke coming from a vessel in which roofing tar was being heated, for a fire on the roof, Bellefonte firemen were called to the institution about 8:15 o'clock Friday morning.

Members of the staff and patients were surprised when the apparatus pulled up and firemen inquired about the fire. Workmen on the roof, heating the roofing compound, continued with their work.

## Local Union Holds Banquet

Thursday evening, May 18, Local Union No. 92 held a banquet and get-together meeting. George S. Kellerman acted as toastmaster and introduced the following speakers: Victor Thomas, business representative of District Council No. 1, of Bath; David Williams, deputy secretary of labor and industry, Harrisburg; S. R. Diskan, 6th general vice president of the International Union, Bath; and Orvis W. Reed, president of Centre County Central Labor Union, Bellefonte.

## GRADUATE 21 FROM HOWARD SCHOOL

### G. B. Long Presents Diplomas at Ceremonies Friday Night

Twenty-one members of the senior class of Howard High School received diplomas at the 32th annual graduation exercises held in the high school auditorium Friday night.

Members of the graduating class took part in the exercises. The complete program follows:

Processional, "Stars and Stripes Forever," Sousa, Hasserling's Orchestra; invocation, Rev. Roy Goss; Master of ceremonies, Robert Day; a Knowledge Charter, Richard Allison; a Christian Charter, Nevada Shultz; "America the Beautiful," High School Chorus; The Call to Colors, Calvin Fisher; the soldier, Millard Hinton; the Red Cross Nurse, Sylvia Gardner; the Civilian, Jennie Mann.

"Hymn of Thanksgiving," High School Chorus; the World is Round, Lillian Day, Emma Brungard, and Jean Yearick.

Presentation of awards and presentation of the class by N. J. Weiler; presentation of diplomas, G. B. Long; the graduate's creed, Ruth Lomison; "Star Spangled Banner," Recessional, Hasserling's Orchestra.

Following are the members of the graduating class: Richard Allison, Erma Brungard, Robert Day, Betty Harter, Millard Hinton, Ruth Lomison, Dorothy Masden, Anna Shay, Florence Thompson, Sarah Wensel, Dorothy Bathurst, Lillian Day, Sylvia Gardner, Viola Levern, Loren Hoover, Jennie Mann, Laverne Runkle, Nevada Shultz, Fred Trox, Charlotte Woomer and Jean Yearick.