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## Abandon Separate Army, Navy Calls

**Draft Boards to Receive Combined Calls for Armed Forces, Assignments to be Made at Induction Stations According To New Regulations**

Important new changes in Selective Service regulations announced yesterday, place new limitations upon the Selective Service choice of the branch of service he is to enter, and delegated the power of making such final decision to the induction stations, rather than the pre-induction stations as has been the case up to this time. The new rulings go into effect at once.

Beginning immediately all registrants who pass pre-induction physicals will be designated as acceptable for general military service or limited military service, rather than as acceptable to the Army or as acceptable to the Navy.

Until July 1, local boards will continue to fill induction calls for the Army and for the Navy, sending Army quotas to Army reception centers and Navy quotas to Navy reception centers, as has been the custom. After July 1, however, local boards will receive one induction call for the armed forces, instead of separate ones for the Army and the Navy.

When such calls are received local boards will select volunteers first, then non-fathers, and finally fathers within each group in accordance with Selective Service regulations. These men will be sent to an armed forces induction center specified in the call, and upon arrival there will be assigned to the Army or the Navy.

Men who have passed pre-induction examinations prior to July 1, and who have been accepted specifically by the Army or the Navy, are now considered as acceptable to the armed forces and may be drawn to fill combined induction calls.

Another new ruling is that on and after July 1, persons who pass examinations for military service may be forwarded for induction even though the pre-induction physical examination is more than 30 days old. Up to this time any registrant not called for induction within 90 days after passing the physical examination was required to undergo another examination.

No person who has been accepted for limited service is to be forwarded for induction unless directed to do so by the State Director of Selective Service.

Under the new regulations, no induction examinations will be held until July 1.

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## 3 INJURED IN 2 ACCIDENTS AT MILESBURG

**Two Titan Workers Hurt When Car Rams Into Rear of Truck**

**DRIVER OF CAR BLINDED BY GLARE**

**Lock Haven Man, Fatigued by Long Drive, Loses Control of Car**

Three persons were injured in two automobile accidents on Route 220 west of Milesburg, Sunday morning, it was reported today by members of the State Police at Pleasant Gap. Damage to the vehicles and property involved totaled \$905.

Two passengers were injured in an accident about three miles west of Milesburg at 6:30 a. m. when a sedan in which five employees of the Titan Metal Company were enroute to their work in Bellefonte ran into the rear end of a truck traveling in the same direction.

Special events are a feature of the 5th War Loan campaign. The book and author program to be held at State College next Wednesday afternoon is proving to be a most popular innovation. Anyone purchasing a War Bond of \$18.75 or more from representatives of the sponsoring agencies—the State College Women's Club, and American Association of University Professors, and the Bellefonte Mothers' Club—will receive a certificate of purchase which may be exchanged for a reserved seat for the program to be held at 2 p. m. June 21 in Schwab auditorium, State College.

The program will be in charge of Ogdan Nash, and authors who will appear are Edna Ferber, Frank Gertrude and Capt. Edgar Wynn, outstanding writers in their respective fields. In Bellefonte tickets may be obtained at the Bob Davis store, and in State College the Jack Harper store will serve as reserved seat agency.

Four books, one written by each of the visiting authors, will be given away as door prizes and persons having books written by any of the authors may take them to the auditorium to have them autographed by the writer.

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The child was injured about 4:30 last Wednesday afternoon when his father drove up in front of the family home in a truck loaded with five tons of coal. The youngster ran off the front porch and, unseated by the father, climbed on the running board of the truck.

He is believed to have fallen from the running board and the left rear wheel of the heavy vehicle passed over or heavily grazed his hips.

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## War Loan Drive Now Under Way

**1000 Soldier-Vote Canvassers to Sell Bonds on House-to-House Visits; Book and Author Program at College, Wednesday**

Equaling the rapid progress being made by the invasion armies overseas, the Centre County War Finance Committee on Monday launched the 5th War Loan campaign with what promises to be one of the most complete efforts to promote War Bond sales ever seen in the county.

With the assistance of a ready-made army of nearly 1,000 soldier-vote canvassers, who will serve the double duty of enrolling the names of absentee voters and selling War Bonds, it is believed that every family in the county will receive a personal invitation to buy bonds. The soldier-vote canvassers, many of whom have served in previous War Loan campaigns, are performing their double duty on a voluntary basis and without remuneration.

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## SCHOOL TAX RATE REMAINS AT 34 MILLS

**Board Also Continues \$1 Per Capita Levy For 1944-45**

**\$61,119 BUDGET IS FINALLY APPROVED**

**Mrs. Krader Resigns After 24 Years as Music Supervisor**

Tax millage for Bellefonte borough was retained at 34 mills and \$4.00 per capita assessment for the coming year, it was announced at a regular meeting of the school board Monday night.

William H. Brouse, chairman of the finance committee, reporting that the district operated within its budget in the year which will end June 30, declared that the 1944-45 budget, which has been balanced at \$61,119, or \$2,000 less than last year's, should be sufficient for all school needs during the coming year.

Tax Collector George Brown reported that of a total duplicate of \$61,119.08 in property taxes, collections to date total \$58,750.83, leaving a balance of \$2,368.25, of which \$2,012.67 has been entered as liens.

The Tax Collector and Finance Committee are to meet soon to go over a list of exonerations.

The resignation of Mrs. Alberta Krader as head of the school music department was accepted with regret. Mrs. Krader has served in that capacity for the past 24 years and has been prominently identified with dramatic and musical entertainments staged by the school and by other groups locally during that time. Mrs. Krader expects to go to California to reside sometime this summer.

Contract for furnishing coal to

Officials of the Centre County Hospital this week made two requests of persons having relatives or friends as patients in the institution.

Visitors to the children's ward are asked not to bring child patients anything but oranges to eat. In the past some foods have been detrimental to the young patients' welfare and have retarded their recovery.

Officials also said that because of the shortage of nurses and other hospital help, the problem of caring for flowers sent to patients is quite a difficult one. Flowers must be arranged in vases, watered, taken out of the rooms each night and returned each morning. When any single patient receives a number of flowers the task of caring for them places quite a strain on the already serious help shortage at the institution, the spokesman said.

Members of the I. O. O. F. and Crystal Springs Rebekah lodges of Bellefonte held memorial services for members who died within the past year, at the I. O. O. F. rooms Friday night.

The following were honored at the services: William B. Rankin, Samuel McKinley and Allen McClellan of the lodge, and Mrs. Miriam Garbrick, Mrs. Helen Hartwick, and Mrs. Bella Ott of Crystal Springs.

Mrs. Verma Ardrey, degree mistress, and members of the memorial staff were in charge of the service. At the close of the ceremonies refreshments were served.

Earl Dean Crozier, 20, of Howard, is being held without bail at the county jail in connection with the burglary of the H. D. Fletcher confectionery store in Howard, June 9. He was arrested Monday by Pvt. Eugene B. Barnie, of the State Police at Rockview.

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## Begin Enrollment Of Servicemen

**Vast Army of Volunteers Begins Task of Listing Names of All Persons in Service; To Complete Work by June 24**

The task of recording the names of all Centre countians in military service preparatory to furnishing them with absentee military ballots, began yesterday when canvassers in Bellefonte and surrounding areas launched a house-to-house canvass. The house-to-house visits in other portions of the county will begin as soon as canvassers have been provided with supplies and instructions.

Military ballot canvassers, most of whom also have been active War Bond salesmen, will aid the 5th War Loan drive by soliciting purchases of bonds in the same visit they make to obtain information on absentee military voters.

Families with sons or daughters, wives or husbands in military or naval service, merchant marine, Red Cross, Society of Friends, USO, or Women's auxiliary service pilots, are asked to provide information to the canvassers.

Elsewhere in this newspaper appears a copy of the form the canvassers must fill out for each person in service. As a measure to save time and prevent errors, it is suggested that the form be filled out at once so that the canvassers can copy the information when they call.

It will be noticed that on the form no questions as to the service man's political inclinations are asked. The canvass, it is pointed out, is solely to learn the names of all those in the service so that ballots can be mailed to them if they are eligible to vote.

In this connection Centre County District Attorney Muser W. Gettig of Bellefonte declared yesterday: "The information to be gathered by the agencies, including the local

councils of Civilian Defense, is for the purpose of determining the eligibility of the elector, and not for the purpose of affecting his political leanings or his vote."

Henry A. Broeckerhoff, of Bellefonte, county chairman of the Civilian Defense Council, whose members are making the canvass, also declared that the survey is entirely non-political in nature, and indicated that any attempt at interference on the part of any political organization would result in immediate prosecution under the terms of the soldier-vote laws.

Final plans for the canvass of the Bellefonte district were made Monday at a meeting in the Bellefonte

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## WOMAN DIES OF BULLET WOUND

**Mrs. Lee O. Overholts, 52, State College, Ends Life With Revolver**

Despondency over long-continued ill health is assigned as the reason for the suicide of Mrs. Lee O. Overholts, 52, of State College, last Wednesday afternoon.

The tragedy was discovered about 6 p. m. when her husband and daughter-in-law, Mrs. Benjamin Overholts, returned to the home at 143 Hartwick avenue, from a field trip. It was estimated that Mrs. Overholts had been dead about three hours.

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## 4 YEAR OLD BOY STRUCK BY CAR

**Billy Fritchman Suffers Head Injury, Leg Fractured in Two Places**

Billy Fritchman, aged 4, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold D. Fritchman, of West Curtin street, received a severe bruise on the head and two fractures of the right leg between the knee and ankle about 8:15 p. m. Friday when he was struck by a car at the intersection of Linn and Spring streets.

The car was owned and operated by Albert Tierney, of North Thomas street, Bellefonte. Peter Brown, 15, of Philadelphia, a passenger in the car, suffered a severe laceration of the forehead when the machine struck an iron street lamp standard as the driver swerved in an effort to avoid the child, throwing him to the road. The car rammmed against the standard, breaking the light support off at its base. Damage to the car included a broken spring, cracked windshield, rumpled fender and a blown-out tire.

The Fritchman youth and the Brown boy were taken to the Centre County Hospital, and both were discharged after undergoing treatment. Brown is visiting his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Devling, of North Water street.

Mr. Snyder presented historical data on Sunbury, formerly called "Shamokin" and the site of Fort Mifflin, at one time the largest western settlement in Pennsylvania. Almost all the well known Indian trails of this area and the principal trail to the west, which ran through the northern part of what was to be the county of Centre, to the Allegheny river, were vividly described by the speaker.

Mrs. Snyder, the former Bertha Detrick of Bellefonte, was also present at the meeting.

According to reports reaching Bellefonte, Samuel M. Shallcross, of Wynnewood, near Philadelphia, former vice president and general manager of the Warner Company plant in Bellefonte, has resigned his position as research engineer in the Philadelphia office of that company. It is reported that Mr. Shallcross expects to engage in efficiency engineering work in the Philadelphia area.

He went to the Warner Company as treasurer in 1922 and three years later was made vice president and general manager of the local plant, retaining that post until February 1942 when he accepted the research position in Philadelphia. The family moved from Bellefonte to Wynnewood at that time.

The National Gypsum Company of Bellefonte will combat the current manpower shortage by employing women for all types of plant labor, it was announced today. The company will be employed for general maintenance work and in assisting skilled labor and will be given all opportunities for advancement and promotion, Bayard Magee, plant manager, reports.

Pay rates for the new women workers will be the same as that of men. Several women already have been hired and will report for work on Monday. Present plans of the company call for the replacing of about 20 men with women workers.

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