



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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An Army Transport burns 23,000 gallons of fuel oil a day.



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Valuable Items To Go At Auction

Public Sale to be Held at Court House Lawn Saturday Night; Bidders Invest in Bond, Get Articles Free of Any Charge

Something new in public sales... The sale is being sponsored by the Women's Division of the local War Finance Committee...

L. Frank Mayes, well known Leimont auctioneer, has volunteered his services for the sale...

STATE COLLEGE MAN IS WOUNDED

'Tony' Droege, 26, Radarman in Navy, Reported Casualty

Anthony Joseph "Tony" Droege, 26, radarman, second class, of State College, has been wounded in action...

Among the valuable articles being contributed to the sale by local merchants and business men are the following...

First National Bank, \$25 War Bond. Centre Oil and Gas Co., 10 gallons oil.

Bro Davis, \$10 Dobbs hat. Brachhills, \$55 mattress.

Brockhoff Hotel, \$10 in War Savings Stamps. Katz Store, \$9.95 dress.

Brown's Boot Shop, pair bowling shoes. G. C. Murphy Co., \$4.98 blanket.

DeHaas Electric Co., \$10 occasional chair. Parrish Drug Store, box Optimo cigars (\$5).

Wolf Furniture Co., \$59 chair and (Continued on page seven)

PROWLER SHOT AT STATE COLLEGE

Public Asked to Report Anyone Seeking Treatment for Wounds

Hospitals, physicians, druggists and the public at large are asked to be on the alert for a man believed to be suffering from gunshot wounds...

For several weeks a "peeping tom" has been active about the home where the shooting took place...

Pfc. John Elenhoth and Pfc. Clifford Schreckengast, of the State Police at Rockview, and Chief of Police John R. Juba, of State College, are investigating the matter...

The name of the householder who fired the shot was withheld by police.

Local Girl Injured In Fall From Truck

Miss Helen Keeler, 19, daughter of Centre County Commissioner and Mrs. Harry Keeler, of Blanchard street, suffered a head injury early last Wednesday night in a fall from a truck while enroute home from a picnic near Black Moshannon park.

Miss Keeler, who was unconscious for more than an hour after the fall, was brought to the Centre County Hospital where x-ray examinations revealed that the injuries, although painful, were not of a serious nature.

The accident happened when the driver of the truck in which the small group had gone for an outing, turned sharply into a side road to visit the Black Moshannon airport.

Miss Keeler, standing in the rear of the truck, was thrown off balance by the turn, and fell out, her head striking the road. A member of the State Motor Police, who passed the scene a short time later, brought the injured girl to the hospital.

Miss Keeler is employed in the Wilkinson store on West High street.

Child Injured by Glass

Mae Ann Custer, 19-months-old daughter of Mrs. Mary Custer, of Milesburg, received treatment at the Centre County Hospital dispensary Sunday for a small laceration below the left eye, received when she fell on a piece of glass near her home.

After undergoing treatment the little girl was permitted to return home.

WOMAN LOSES LIFE TRYING TO SAVE CHILD

Mrs. Goldie Hazel Hummel Drowns in Black Moshannon Creek

BODY RECOVERED AFTER HOUR SEARCH

Holiday Picnic Results in Tragedy; Local Firemen Summoned

Mrs. Goldie Hazel Hummel, 36, of near Phillipsburg, was drowned July Fourth in Black Moshannon creek in an effort to save her six-year-old daughter, Gypsy Rae. Her body was recovered about an hour later, and resuscitation efforts failed.

The drowning happened about 2 p. m. three miles below the Black Moshannon State Park in what is known as "Long Tom Splash Dam," formerly used in lumbering operations.

The child, together with a group of adults, had gone to the scene for a picnic, and the little girl was wading in shallow water at the upper end of the dam. The mother, noticing her daughter nearing deep water, reached out to draw her to safety. In so doing she slipped into the stream and disappeared in deep water.

Raymond Hummel, Harvey Hummel, and Merrill Dixon, all members of the group and none of whom were swimmers, succeeded in drawing the child to safety but their efforts to save the mother failed.

Ray O'Shea, of Phillipsburg, located the body with a pole about an hour later, and with the aid of Leslie Pride, of Black Moshannon, and two soldiers, Cpl. Jerry McCormick and Cpl. John Kephart, both of Phillipsburg, got the body to shore.

Artificial respiration was instituted immediately, and upon arrival of members of the Hope Fire Company of Phillipsburg, and the Undine Company of Belleville, inhalators and resuscitators were used. Dr. A. L. Benson of Phillipsburg, pronounced Mrs. Hummel dead at 5:15 p. m.

Centre County Coroner Charles Shecker, of Milesburg, visited the scene and said that death was due to accidental drowning.

Lt. Eugene Shultz Is Prisoner of War

Lt. Eugene Shultz, former employee of The Centre Democrat, pilot of a Flying Fortress, reported missing in action since March 2 while on a bombing mission over German territory. This week was reported to be a prisoner of war in Germany, according to news received by his mother, Mrs. Lila Shultz, of Lock Haven.

Lt. Shultz had more than a score of bombing missions to his credit when his plane went down.

Stewart M. Weber Awarded High Position in Postal Service

Stewart M. Weber, former well known Centre county resident and a native of Rebersburg, who for the past forty years has held a responsible position in the Department of Foreign Affairs, in the Government Postoffice at Washington, D. C., was recently promoted to the position of Director of International Postal Service for the United States. The order, signed by the Postmaster General, makes the position effective June 1, 1944.

Mr. Weber is the son of the late George Weber, of Rebersburg, and Candace Condo Weber, who resides at Lock Haven. He was born and reared in Rebersburg and after attending the public schools of his home town, he taught school several years in Centre county. Later, for a brief time, he was employed as a (Continued on page seven)

Bellefonte Girl Is Bitten by Dog

Nancy Tansley, 10-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Tansley, of Bellefonte, suffered a severe laceration over the left eye, Tuesday, when she was bitten by a large dog.

The family was spending the day at Hecla Park and Nancy walked up to a dog owned by occupants of a neighboring cottage, when the dog bit her.

The girl was admitted to the Centre County Hospital where sutures were required to close the wound. Tetanus treatment was given and yesterday attendants at the institution reported her condition as being satisfactory.

"Lassie Come Home" at Plaza

"Because of a popular demand, Roddy McDowell in the technicolor play "Lassie Come Home," will play a return engagement at the Plaza, Friday and Saturday of this week. The theatre management announced yesterday.

EIGHT PAGES THIS WEEK

Because of the July Fourth holiday, this week's issue of the Centre Democrat contains only eight pages.

Council Studies Lime Dust Suit

Trial Would Be Expensive, Outcome Uncertain, Solicitor Reports. Warner Company Reviews Efforts to Curb Nuisance

Meeting Scheduled

Letter Is Read

Following is a copy of a letter regarding lime dust, submitted to Bellefonte Council, Monday, by the Warner Company.

The letter, written by John Curtin, Jr., vice president, outlines the company's efforts to control lime dust in the past and points to moves now under way and scheduled for the future to check the nuisance.

July 3, 1944 Bellefonte Borough Council, Bellefonte, Pennsylvania.

In view of the newspaper reports of recent action taken by Borough Council, we request that members of Council and residents of Bellefonte again review the facts concerning Warner Company's present operations and activities with respect to dust control which have been presented to Council's Special Dust Committee from time to time.

Coincident with the start of the war, the demand for chemical lime began to increase rapidly, and this increase has continued at an accelerated pace so that today we are producing and shipping approximately 31,000 tons of lime and limestone products each month. We have had to meet these demands with no addition to our manufacturing facilities. To maintain, and to secure and install replacements to our heavy equipment, has been a serious problem, particularly with one-third of our employees in the armed forces.

This exceedingly critical demand for our products arises from war (Continued on page two)

CANNING CENTER TO OPEN MONDAY

Two Daily Sessions Scheduled at Local Project Monday Through Friday

The Bellefonte canning center, where you can take your non-acid vegetables (peas, beans, carrots, beets corn and green) to be processed in a pressure cooker for a nominal charge of one cent a jar, will be open for two sessions of canning each day at 10 a. m. and 1 p. m. Monday through Friday. Appointments to be made, if possible, the day before.

Instructions for using the canning center are outlined as follows by Mrs. R. C. Blaney, who will be in charge.

First: Call "Mrs. W. Harrison Walker, 3141, or Mrs. William Em (Continued on page three)

Woman Injured in Leap from Auto

Mrs. A. L. McCloskey, of Mill Hill, is suffering from a fractured collar bone and other injuries received one day last week when she jumped from the McCloskey car as it drifted backward on an incline while Mr. McCloskey was making purchases at a store. She was taken to the Lock Haven hospital for medical treatment.

The McCloskey family have had much hard luck of late. Mr. McCloskey returned only recently from the Geisinger hospital at Danville where he was a surgical patient, and during his absence Mrs. McCloskey cut her foot on broken glass in the rear of their yard, the injury requiring four stitches to close. She was able to be about with the aid of crutches only a short time before her latest mishap.

Pfc. Bruce Sheckler Is Wounded in Arm

Pfc. Bruce Sheckler, son of Centre County Coroner and Mrs. Charles Sheckler, of Milesburg, suffered a wound of one arm while in action in France, according to a letter his parents received from him early this week.

Pfc. Sheckler reported that he is now in a hospital in England and that the wound is not of a serious nature. He was serving as an anti-tank gunner in an infantry unit and is believed to have been wounded early in the invasion. Pfc. Sheckler has been overseas since February this year.

Motorcyclist Hurt On Mountain Road

Paul Ross, of Centre Hall, suffered body bruises and injuries about one leg, last Thursday, when he lost control of his motorcycle near the Garbrick property on the Centre Hall mountain road. The machine struck a pole at the side of the road.

Ross was admitted to the Centre County Hospital where an x-ray examination revealed a fracture of the right leg between the knee and hip and an incomplete fracture of the right ankle.

Port Matilda Soldier Wounded in Europe

Pvt. Raymond Dixon, son of Mrs. Vesta Dixon, of Port Matilda, was wounded in action on June 7, in the European war area, according to word received last week by his mother. The information, received from the War Department, did not specify the nature or seriousness of Pvt. Dixon's injuries. He has been serving overseas for eleven months.

LOCAL COUPLE OBSERVES 60TH ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. John L. Nighthart Entertain at Family Dinner

OPENED SHOP HERE 59 YEARS AGO

Veteran Barber Still Follows Trade at Age of 80 Years

Mr. and Mrs. John L. Nighthart, of East Bishop street, on July Fourth celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary at a family dinner held on the lawn at the rear of their home.

Mr. Nighthart and Laura Sager, both natives of Lewistown, were married there on July 4, 1884, while Mr. Nighthart was employed in a Lewistown barber shop at a wage of \$7.50 a week.

One day in June 1885, Mr. Nighthart took a day off from work, came to Bellefonte, and found that there were no white barbers in Bellefonte, so he decided to open a shop. The thing was a success from the start, and in 1894 Mr. Nighthart built his present home, the plans for which were designed by Architect Cole, of Bellefonte.

For a period of 54 years Mr. Nighthart has followed his trade in the vicinity of the Diamond, his last shop downtown being located in the present quarters of the Central Pennsylvania Gas Company. He retired from (Continued on page three)

Six Fined Here for Disorderly Conduct

Six youths, two from Bellefonte, two from Bellefonte, R. D., one from Snyderstown and one from State College, R. D., ranging from 15 to 17 years of age, were arrested for disorderly conduct on West Allegheny street in the Bellefonte business section last Thursday night.

The boys were fined \$7.50 each at a hearing before Burgess, Hardman P. Harris of Bellefonte. The arrests were made by Chief Harry Dukeman of the Bellefonte police, and a deputy.

Heavy Loss When Bolt Hits Barn

Barn on Earl Orr Farm Destroyed by Fire; Man and Wife Escape

Several thousand dollars loss resulted about 6 p. m. Sunday when a large barn on the Earl Orr farm two miles west of Jacksonville was struck by lightning and burned to the ground.

This season's hay crop, stored in the barn Friday and Saturday, two tons of chicken feed, two wagons and a number of chickens were consumed by the flames which quickly destroyed the barn, one of the largest in that section. All cattle were saved.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Rogers and small child who occupy the farm, were in the building when the bolt of lightning struck. Although five cows were stunned and thrown to the floor, Mr. and Mrs. Rogers, who were milking at the time, were uninjured.

Members of the Howard Fire Company and Logan Fire Company of Bellefonte, summoned to the scene, used water from booster tanks to protect two sheds, a corn crib, milk house and the frame farm house located nearby.

A violent hail storm took place about two miles from the Orr farm. Fall as large as marbles fell in large quantities.

C. of C. Seeking Complete Information on Available Rooms, Apartments

In anticipation of the probable necessity of finding homes in the near future for 100 new families in Bellefonte, the local Chamber of Commerce during the next few days will mail a questionnaire to every home, asking whether there are rooms, houses or apartments for rent now, or within the next three months.

Each householder is asked to fill out the questionnaire immediately, and they will be collected by Boy Scouts. The Chamber is offering a \$5 reward to the Scout bringing in the greatest number of completed questionnaires.

Rev. Harry C. Stenger, Jr., will be in charge of the Scouts, who are to collect the completed forms. The cooperation of the public is requested, since a complete report of available housing facilities will aid the war effort.

Maj. Curtin Wounded, Receives Decoration

Maj. George P. Curtin, son of Mrs. H. Laird Curtin, of Curtin, received slight wounds 15 minutes after he landed on the beach during the Normandy invasion, June 6. It was learned this week by his mother.

He was able to rejoin his unit after undergoing treatment, and has been awarded the Purple Heart. The latter award was received by his mother during the weekend, in a package which was addressed in her son's own handwriting.

Child Fractures Arm

John Robert Duke, 8, son of Mr. and Mrs. John G. Duke of Clarence, suffered a fracture of the left arm when he fell from a see-saw last Tuesday. The lad was brought to the Centre County Hospital where the arm was x-rayed and the cast applied, after which he was permitted to return to his home.

Meningitis Fatal To Two Children

Port Matilda and Yarnell Children Die In Hospitals; Two Others Under Treatment; "Miracle" Drugs Effecting Cures

Two Centre county children are dead and two others, cousins of one of the victims, are ill as the result of an outbreak of cerebro-spinal meningitis during the week.

The first victim of the dread malady was Ann Michele Cliber, two-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Cliber, of Port Matilda, R. D., who died at the Phillipsburg State Hospital at 11:10 a. m. last Thursday, less than an hour after being admitted to the institution. Her father is in the Army.

The second victim was Nathaniel Vance Robinson, aged 15 months, son of Edward and Jeannette Haagan Robinson, of Yarnell, who died at the Centre County Hospital here at 4:40 o'clock Monday morning, less than 24 hours after being admitted.

The two children who are undergoing treatment at the Phillipsburg State Hospital are Joseph Stanton, aged 5, and his brother, John Stanton, aged 11, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Stanton, of Port Matilda, R. D., and cousins of the Cliber girl. Joseph was admitted on Thursday and John was taken to the hospital on Friday. Hospital attaches yesterday reported that the condition of both is "fair."

Staff physicians reported that the new "miracle" drugs, penicillin and the sulfas, are being used in the treatment of the malady. It was indicated that nearly all cases, if treated in time, respond, and that the rate of recovery has been very high.

Spinal meningitis consists of inflammation of the membranes enclosing the brain and spinal cord. Symptoms include head pains, giddiness, feverishness and often vomiting. Convulsions usually follow with actual stiffness of the neck developing in about 24 hours. It is sometimes caused by head injuries, exposure to heat or cold, or ear ailments.

The Robinson child was born at (Continued on page three)

FATHER OF FIVE KILLED IN MINE

Houtzdale Man Crushed to Death Under Fall of Huge Rock

One miner was killed and two others narrowly escaped serious injury or death Friday at Brookwood shaft, located near Houtzdale, between Ginter and Moran.

John Shaffer, 37-year-old Houtzdale miner, was instantly killed when a large rock weighing half a ton, fell from the roof. The rock struck Shaffer on the back of the neck, fracturing his neck and causing instant death. The falling rock barely grazed Martin Crowley and Daniel Cotler, who were working with Shaffer.

State Mine Inspector David B. Millward of Phillipsburg, reported that the rock was triangular shaped with each of the fronts measuring about eight feet long and being about eight inches thick.

The trio of miners had just pulled a cutter up to the face and were preparing to begin cutting. They were first mining in the second east main, the Brookwood shaft owned by W. O. Gubranson, of Houtzdale. The heading was about 12 feet high. Shaffer was doubled up by the blow and was completely under the fallen rock.

The victim was a married man and the father of five children. He had 21 years' experience in coal mining.

Only 11,150 Pounds Paper Collected Here

A scrap collection in Bellefonte on Friday netted about 11,150 pounds of paper and approximately three-fourths of a ton of tin cans, it was reported yesterday.

The borough quota for scrap paper was approximately 60,000 pounds. Officials express the hope that citizens will begin now to save waste paper for the next drive, which will be held within a few weeks.

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Pigeons in County; One Hit By Car

Two pigeons, believed to have been participants of a recent pigeon race between Pittsburg and Lewistown, landed in Centre county during the weekend and one of them lost its life when struck by an automobile.

The dead bird was found Saturday near Unionville by Cleveland Holtzworth, of Unionville, who removed the aluminum band from one of the bird's legs. The band bore the inscription "AU 44 B 11642."

The other pigeon, in exhausted condition, was found Sunday by William Emehiser, of Unionville, who took the bird home and is providing it with food until the owner is located. The aluminum band on its leg is inscribed: "AU 43 7857."

According to reports, pigeon fanciers from Pittsburg took their birds to Lewistown while Lewistown fanciers took birds to Pittsburg. Both lots of birds were released at the same time, the purpose being to determine which ones reached home in the shortest time.

War Bond Dance to Be Held Here Friday

Plans have been completed for the War Bond dance sponsored by the American Legion and VPW to be held at 8:30 o'clock Friday night at the new Bellefonte high school gymnasium.

Admission to the dance will be granted only upon presentation of a pink certificate showing a War Bond purchase. Only one person will be admitted for each slip.

The Legion Junior orchestra will play for round dancing and a special orchestra will be on hand for square dancing, with Walter Corman calling.

USED CAR PRICES EFFECTIVE JULY 10

Rationing Board Ready to Help Both Consumer and Dealer

Miss Betty Smith, price clerk of the War Price and Rationing Board, has been appointed to supervise the administration of the used car ceiling price regulation which becomes effective July 10, board chairman, J. S. Sommerville announced yesterday.

Miss Smith stands ready to help both consumers and dealers who are affected by the new OPA regulation setting specific dollar-and-cents ceilings on used passenger cars. She will supply information on the exact ceiling prices, for each make and model of car covered by the regulation as well as other working details.

The regulation provides a "base price" for individuals and others who do not maintain repair shops, and a higher "warranted price" ceiling for dealers who do maintain repair shops and sell cars that are guaranteed for 30 days or 1,000 miles. Only dealers can sell at the "warranted price."

A certificate of transfer will be needed for all sales of used cars except sales to a dealer. These certificates may be obtained from the War Price and Rationing Board. They must be filled out jointly by buyers and sellers and filed with the buyer's board when he applies for his gasoline ration.

Approximately 3,550 Centre constituents are serving in the armed forces. It was revealed yesterday by John R. Doty, county director of the Military Ballot Canvass.

While that total is not complete or final, no great change is expected between now and Friday when the election boards throughout the county sit at the polling places to scan the names from their districts.

Last week Mr. Doty received from the State Council of Defense a special letter of commendation for the fine work done by the Centre county unit. Mr. Doty declared that the success of the county canvass largely resulted from the splendid organization under Mrs. Michael Mianull, of Bellefonte, and her corps of block leaders and other Civilian Defense workers throughout the county.

Any service men's voting cards which have been filled out and which have not been mailed to the county office, are not to be mailed, but should be given to the election board officials Friday. Such action will prevent cards from being in transit on the day when they are to be scanned by election boards, Mr. Doty explained.

WOODLAND MAN IS KILLED IN CRASH

Harry Hunt, 28, Dies in Phillipsburg Hospital; 2 Others Injured

Harry Hunt, 28, of Woodland, died at the Phillipsburg State Hospital at 2:35 p. m. July 4, as the result of injuries received in an automobile accident near Wallacetown at 12:40 a. m. the same day.

Centre County Coroner Charles Sheckler, of Milesburg, said death resulted from a skull fracture.

Two other persons injured in the collision of the two cars involved, are patients in the Phillipsburg State Hospital. State Police from Clearfield are investigating the crash.

Child Falls, Tooth Causes Lip Laceration

Robert Burk, aged 18 months, son of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Burk, of Pleasant Gap, underwent treatment at the Centre County Hospital dispensary, Tuesday, for a lip injury.

In a fall on a boardwalk, the child's mouth struck a projection and one of his teeth caused a laceration of the lip which required several sutures.