

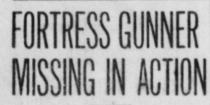
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'Tick Fever' Case COUNTY MAN Is Reported Here LOSES LIFE ON Lemont Man In ital with Symptoms of , Rocky Mountain. tted Fever. Disease, Sometimes Fatal, o.sed by Insect

Rocky Mountain spotted fever-a day was reported to be fair. A numdisease which has caused a number ber of tests were reported to be of deaths along the. Atlantic sea- underway at the hospital yesterday board this summer-is believed to to ascertain definitely whether he have made its first appearance in is suffering from the disease. Centre county this week when a Le- According to competent reports, mont man was admitted to the Scandrol upon admisison to the hos-Centre County Hospital, Tuesday pital had the brilliant red rash on evening, with symptoms of that mal- the back, arms and legs which is

The victim is Fred Scandrol, 37, spotted fever. The rash usually apof Lemont, whose condition yester- pears about the third day.



S-Sgt. Malcolm A. Eckley, 22, Lost in Flight Over **Invasion** Area



S-SGT. MALCOLM A. ECKLEY Staff Sergeant Malcolm A. Eckley, son of former Centre Count Commissioner and Mrs. Paul N. Eck- Jley of Valley View, has been missing in action since June 25, according to a War Department telegram received Saturday by his parents. Sgt. Eckley, left waist gunner aboard a B-17 Flying Fortress, was among the first Allied men taking part in the invasion of France. He was a member of the Eighth Combat Division of the Army Air Forces whose duty it was to prepare the way for the invasion." He was a seeking chewing gum from American soldiers. In a letter written June 17, and re- the accident. ceived by his parents a week later. the missing man stated that he ing hay to the barn and the youth

Pfc. Robert R. Confer, 29, Reported Killed in Action, June 3 IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN IN ROME Entered Service in Occharacteristic of Rocky Mountain

tober 1942; Was in It is believed that Scandrol contracted the disease-if it proves definitely to be spotted fever-through ontact with an infected tick while hunting groundhogs, recently. The malady may be contracted by hunans either by being bitten directly y the tick, or by handling hides or nimals on which there are ticks. Physicians emphasize that it is not the bite of the tick itself that causes the spotted fever. It is a minute or-

Famed 5th Army

ties, 56 per cent.

said

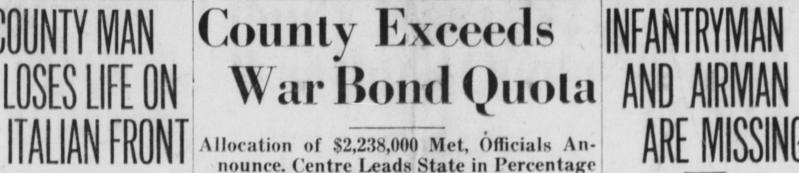
ganism the hungry insect deposits in the blood stream. For that reason it is dangerous to remove ticks with the fingers, for squashing them releases the organisms which might find their way through the fingers into the blood stream. So far this year there have been

two deaths in the Delaware Valley, seven in Washington, D. C., and more in the south. Until a few years ago the disease was almost unknown except in the West, although the common dog tick often was found in the East. Scientists say the infected ticks evidently have been carried east in wartime shipments of wood, hides or even animal carcasses.

PFC. ROBERT R. CONFER In the tri-state area of Pennsylvania. New Jersey and Delaware, fif- Pfc. Robert R. Confer, 29, of Millteen persons have been reported in- heim, R. D., was killed in action fected. Of these, three were in June 3 somewhere in Italy, accord-Pennsylvania. The outbreak of fever ing to a War Department telegram is usually confined to June and July, received late last Wednesday by his because of the peculiar life-cycle of parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Confer, of Millheim, R. D. the tick

There is no known specific cure Although no details were given in for the fever but there is a vaccine the brief message. Pfc. Confer is which acts as a preventive. This is believed to have lost his life while (Continued on page Four)

participating in the capture of Rome, the first Axis capital city to be taken by Allied ground troops He was assigned to an infantry division of the American Fifth Army. Pfc. Confer entered the service in October 1942, and after receiving training at Camp Shelby, Miss., was



BELLEFONTE, PA., THURSDAY, JULY 13, 1944.

nounce. Centre Leads State in Percentage of E Bond Sales in 5th War Loan Pfc. John W. Simco, 35,

Latest reports available yesterday and sales were \$459,270. The quota of indicated that Centre county met its bonds for individuals, exclusive of \$2,238,000 quota in the Fifth War E Bonds, was \$190,000, and sales Loan campaign which formally end- were \$194,000.

ed Saturday night. Definite figures The E Bond quota for the Belle- BOTH PARTICIPATED were not available yesterday but fonte district was \$225,000 and sales Claude G. Aikens, chairman of the to date are \$186,751.25. Horace J. IN FRENCH INVASION ounty War Finance Committee, ex- Hartranft, local chairman, declared

pressed confidence that the goal had that since all payroll deductions been reached. during July will count in the E Bond As of July 5, the county had been sales, the local district is virtually

credited with total sales of \$1,614,- certain to meet the allocated figure 000, or 72 per cent of the quota, ac-The Millheim district, of which S ording to the Federal Reserve Bank Ward Gramley is chairman, surof Philadelphia. There have been passed its quota of \$92,000 with total heavy sales since that time, and lo- sales of \$117,068,50, or 127 per cent cal officials are certain that the \$2.- of the allocation. Of the total sales, 238,000 allocation has been passed. \$3,626 were to clubs: \$25,980 were to The county led all counties in the corporations and \$87,462 were to instate in percentage of E Bonds sold dividuals. during the campaign, the Federal

Reserve Bank revealed yesterday. Centre," with a quota of \$895,000 in E Bonds, sold 73 per cent. At the close of July 5 the next highest percentages reported in other counties were Dauphin county, 65 per cent; Tioga county, 60 per cent; Clinton and Delaware counties, 58 per cent; Blair and Philadelphia counties, 57 per cent; and Mifflin and Monroe coun-In the Bellefonte, State College,

Philipsburg and Snow Shoe districts, total quotas for the 5th campaign stamps were exceeded yesterday, Mr. Alkens

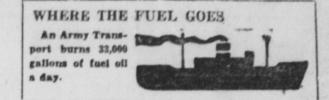
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Underground Production Former Pro at Nittany Foreman Injured in 30-Club Killed First Day foot Fall, May 27 in Normandy

underground production foreman in reandy beachhead on June 6. the the Bell Mine of the Warner Com-pany here, died at the Centre Coun-William A. (Red) Francis, former William A. (Red) Francis, former



SUBSCRIPTION-\$1.50 PER YEAR.

Large Dairy Barn Is Razed by Fire ARE MISSING Hay Wagon Mishap Causes Blaze on Frank

McIntire Farm East of Rebersburg, Involving Heavy Loss in Property

Fire resulting from a mishap while and ran against the doorway, being the hay crop was being harvested pinned fast in that position by the caused the destruction of one of the wagon which drifted backward. most modern and best equipped Hay from the wagon was pushed dalry barns in Brush Valley, Friday around the hot tractor motor and in afternoon, entailing the loss of the a moment the load of hay broke into harn, the tractor, hog house, com fiames. The men were unable to free rib and a number of farming im- the tractor from its position. Simco Lost June 9, And plements.

Alton Auman, of near Wolfes The barn, located on the Frank Store, driving by on the highway, McIntire farm, 31/2 miles east of saw the fire start, and he immed-Rebersburg, was burned to the lately ran to the barn to help the others. They succeeded in removing Dean Gephart, the farm manager,

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Wounded in France



drew. Jr., and Steve Simco, who are Falls 16 Feet From Tree: Believed to Have Been **Overcome by Heat**

S/Sgt. Rhoads, tall-gunner on a Believed to have been overcome bomber, has been missing in action by the heat while picking cherries who were wounded in France durover France since June 22, it was announced in the telegram received 51, of Spring Mills, fell a distance of ceived by his brother stated that 16 feet and suffered a fracture of John is back in England in a base No other details were revealed in the pelvic bone, a fractured arm, hospital

Weaver farm between Millheim and

Spring Mills. When that task was

completed about 3:30 p. m. Albright

began picking cherries and had been

Centre Hall Man

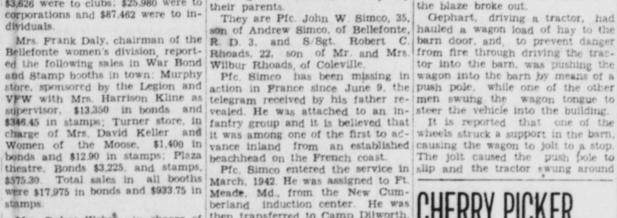
the telegram but it is believed that he was on a bombing mission lend-He was brought ing support to the Allied ground County Hospital by ambulance and

he fell.

pany here, died at the Centre Coun- William A. (Red) Francis, former basic training at Atlantic City and ty Hospital at 2:15 a. m. Saturday, golf professional at Nittany Country then was stationed at air bases in the base i

PFC. JOHN HOVAN Private First Class Hovan, 24, son Steve Hovan, of Bellefonte, is numbered among the casualty list

He was brought to the Centre two years. He has been overseas



Mrs. Balser Weber, in charge of then transferred to Camp Dilworth, In Bellefonte the total quota was the women's program at Howard, N. C., and later to Camp Dix, N. J.,

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Logan Carnival To Be Held This Weekend

the Logan Fire Company. Belle- the rope about his waist was dragfonte, will be held in front of the ging on the ground and was caught Miss Martha Albert Is fire hall on East Howard street, Fri-day and Saturday nights of this week, with the American Legion mother's hands and before the fath-Junior Band providing music for er could stop the machine the rear both evenings.

Officials of the fire company re- reports no bones were broken. The of all kinds also will be on sale.

The War Bonds are to be given away Saturday evening as the concluding event on the carnival pro-

the cakes.

\$16,000 SALES AT PUBLIC MEETING SLATED TUESDAY WAR BOND AUCTION Borough Sponsors Session Purchasers Bid \$12,205

in Effort to Battle Lime Dust

A public meeting of all local per-

immediate purpose being to effect a Daly, chairman of the local wom- law. permanent group to proceed in an en's division of the War Finance organized effort to effectively abate Committee, sponsor of the sale. Some complaints have been re-it, his right hand lightly struck the the telegram, but it is believed that ceived from various parts of town edge of the axe, inflicting a wound he was on a bombing mission sup-

INJOILED DI IKOPV Shreveport, La. From there he was transferred to Camp Dix, N. J., and sailed for overseas duty monla.

Rope Tied About Waist Tangles in Wheel; Con-

dition is Fair had been serving there since.

Before entering the armed forces In a fall from a truck near his he was employed by the Woolworth member of "Any Gum Chum," a new parents' home in Bush Hollow, Fri- Stores Company in Pittsburgh. He Fortress which was named for an day. Philip Spotts, 3, son of Mr. and was graduated from the Miles Townexpression used by English, children Mrs. Martin Spotts, of Julian, R. D., ship High School in Rebersburg in suffered a severe head laceration, a the class of 1933.

leg injury and body bruises. Surviving, in addition to his par-Sgt. Eckley previously had been on another Fortress which was shot fair at the Centre County Hospital Isenhart, of Lock Haven; Mrs. Donlown, and was stationed in England. where he has been a patient since ald Snyder and Mrs. Paul Weber.

both at home. The parents were engaged in haul-

who was playing "horse" had a rope MUSIC SUPERVISOR tied about his waist. When the truck had been loaded with hay, the boy asked to stand on the running board for the ride to the barn. His moth-CHOSEN BY BOARD er, seated in the cab, was holding him on the running board when the The annual carnival sponsored by truck started out. Unknown to her,

The child was dragged from his wheel grazed his body. According to

port that all the old attractions and head laceration, suffered when the ome new ones will be available on boy struck the truck fender in fallof his head.

BISHOP HUGHES TO SPEAK

Bishop Edwin Holt Hughes, recently retired from the Washington. Members and friends of the com- D. C. area, will deliver the sermon pany wishing to contribute cakes at the Methodist church in Pleasfor the carnival are asked to call the ant Gap on Sunday evening at 7:30 Logan House, dial 3100, and ar- o'clock. The public is cordially inrangements will be made to call for vited to this as well as all the services in the church.

But Buy More Bonds

to Swell Total

Named to Succeed Mrs. Alberta Krader Miss Martha Albert, of Bethlehem, should hesitate to use the canning newspaperman who on June 1 enwas elected music supervisor in the center at the Bellefonte High School tered the Naval Training Center at Bellefonte schools to succeed Mrs. cafeteria, Mrs. R. C. Blaney, who is Bainbridge, Md., suffered a fracture the carnival grounds, Refreshments ing, extended almost the entire width Alberta Krader, resigned, at a reg- in charge of the center, said yester- of the right wrist and a dislocation ular meeting of the local school day. oard. Monday night. Miss Albert is a graduate of the dividual may have to can. Mrs. the training station. board. Monday night.

Bethlehem High School and was Blaney said, the facilities are open According to reports Seaman Yeagraduated from Penn State in 1942, to all, and arrangements can be ger was climbing a ladder when he The following year she taught in made whereby several persons with fell. He will be a patient at the served by Local Board No. 2, of when he felt the impact of a bul-the Halifax schools and during the small quantities of vegetables for Waval Hospital at Bainbridge for Bellefonte, have been notified to re- let above his left leg and saw the past year has been teaching at canning can be accomodated at the from six to eight weeks. He had port for pre-induction examinations lead slug drop to the ground. He Quakertown. During her college same period.

course she specialized in vocal mu- The center is now open from 10 with his wife and family on North July 20, it was announced yester- was dressed by a State College phy-Dr. J. C. Rogers was re-elected as through Friday, and appointments his boot training this week

school medical inspector for the may be arranged by calling Mrs. W. coming year and Ralph Eyer was J. Emerick or Mrs. W. Harrison re-elected truant officer. Walker. They will schedule appointre-elected truant officer, Tax Collector George M. Brown appeared at the session to present let of the session to present ist of per capita tax exonerations canned by the individual are small a list of adjustments and cor- or large.

rections on the 1943 property tax. Mr. Brown listed 269 per capita tax exonerations totaling \$1,076 in Severs Ligament As

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Boro Won't Tolerate Molesting of Gardens County Hospital dispensary yester-

day morning for an injury of the Centre county's first War Bond sons interested in combatting the auction, held on the Diamond here Mayor Hardman P. Harris yester- left hand suffered Tuesday while lime dust nuisance has been called by Bellefonte Borough. The sth War Loan campaign, re-directed to arrest immediately any road on Muncy mountain near Un-"Liberator" bomber, has been re-1 The session is to be held at 7:30 suited in bond and stamp sales to- persons accused of molesting or ionville. m. Tuesday evening, July 18 in taling \$16,000, although total bids prowling in Victory Gardens and Holt had been using an axe and since June 23, according to a telethe Council Chambers in the Logan on items offered were \$12,205, it was directed officers to prosecute such placed it on the road while he re- gram from the War Department re-Hose House, East Logan street, the reported yesterday by. Mrs. Frank persons to the fullest extent of the moved rocks. In swinging a rock ceived by his wife last Wednesday. backwards preparatory to throwing No other details were revealed in

death being attributed to pneu- Club in 1936 and 1937, and profes- Oklahoma, Nebraska, and Kansas sional at the Blairmont Country Mr. Harju had been a patient in Club, Hollidaysburg, prior to enter- this year.

in December 1943, landing in North the hospital since May 27 when he ing the service. The county sergeant attended the was severely injured in a plunge News of his death was received Spring Township High School at In March this year he was sent head-first down a 30-foot stone during the weekend from a brother. Pleasant Gap for two years and was from North Africa into Italy and loading pocket in the mine. Corporal Robert W. Francis, who is employed by the NYA at Charles-

The accident happened when the serving in a Field Artillery unit at ton, W. Va., until his induction into foreman stepped from a dinkey. One Camp Cooke, Gal., and who succeed- the Army. of the car couplers struck him on ed his brother as golf pro at Nit-

The fact that a housewife may

have only a small amount of ma-

terial to can is no reason why she

Hand Strikes Axe

. Blanchard Holt, of Unionville,

underwent treatment at the Centre

the legs, turning him around and tany Country Club. throwing him off balance. He top- ' William Arthur Francis was a na- 8-Year-Old Boy Is pled into the pocket and only his tive of Norfolk. Va., where he was miner's hat, which remained in born on September 17, 1942, and he place during the fall, saved him from began his golf career at the age of instant dealth when he landed 7, becoming a "pro" in 1931. His first head-first at the bottom. Fellow post was at the West Florida C. C. Mrs. Harry Horner of Zion, was according to word received by his right hand, struck his left forearm workmen experienced some difficulty at Tampa, Fla. He served at the treated at the Centre County Hos- parents, and is now in a hospital in a powerful blow. An x-ray examinin removing the man from the pit. Juniata Valley Cricket club. Mount pital last Thursday for a laceration England. A native of Finland, Mr. Harju Union, for two years and was the of the right foot received when he In letters written by nurses at his broken and he was permitted to go

go, and moved to Bellefonte in 1923 year before coming to the Nittany while working in a field at the Hor- that his wounds involve his hands tel after receiving treatment. hen the work of sinking the or- Country Club. ginal shaft for Bell Mine began.

a. m. to 4 p. m. daily from Monday Spring street, upon completion of day,

(Continued on page Three) pated in all the national tourna- home. **Canning Center Now**

Open to All Users Seamon Yeager Hurt 25 LISIED FUR

On Obstacle Course

Jack H. Yeager, A/s, Bellefonte

of the right elbow, Friday, while go-

ame to this country about 35 years "pro" at the Tyrone Golf Club one came in contact with a hay mower direction. Cpl. Fohringer indicated to his room at the Brockerhoff Ho-

y his parents.

Country Club. Red went to the Biairmont club After sutures were applied and has not revealed the manner in

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prior to going overseas in May of

Injured by Mower

MILITARY EXAMS

Board No. 2 to Send Group

to Altoona on Thurs-

day, July 18

Under a recent change in Selec-

and S-Sgt. Robert C.

Rhoads Are Listed

Rhoads Missing Since

June 22

Two Bellefonte men serving in the his brother-in-law, Merrill Brun-

European theatre of action are re- gart, and a farm employe, William

ported missing in action, according Smith, were engaged in hauling hay

to telegrams received Friday by from the fields into the barn when

the blaze broke out.

For the past six years he had been in June, 1938, and while serving with anti-tetanus serum was administer- which he was wounded, but reports Two Injured When the Hollidaysburg club, he partici- ed the boy returned to his parental he is getting along fairly well. The county soldier, former em-

ploye of the Titan Metal Company. entered the service in March 1942. and was sent to England about two enberry, of near Bellefonte, knocked years ago. He was serving in an in- down a highway sign and came to fantry unit.

Jay Storch Wounded

shooting mark on the campus

County Treasurer

lege avenue.

siciar

and that he is unable to write. He

Injured by Machine

John Katz steelworker employed on the construction of a new buildin the tree only a short time when ing at the Titan Metal Company plant, underwent treatment at the Centre County Hospital dispensary. Monday morning, after he had been struck on the left forearm by the Wounded in Action hammer of an air-driven riveting machine.

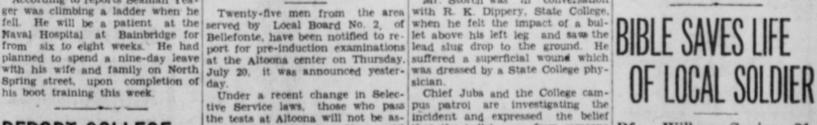
Cpl. Elwood Fohringer, 25, son of Katz was engaged in riveting and Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Fohringer, of reached out with his left hand to Centre Hall, was wounded in action adjust the position of a beam when Ronald Horner, 8, son of Mr. and on the Normandy front on June 13, the fiveting machine, held in his ation revealed that no bones were

Car Strikes Pole

A sedan operated by Harry Hocka stop against a pole on North Thomas street, Bellefonte, about

4:45 p. m. last Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. Hockenberry, 1224 occupants of the car, were taken to **By Stray Bullet** the Centre County Hospital in the ambulance, Mrs. Hockenberry suf-Jay Storch, of State College, was fered a small laceration on the forewounded by a spent bullet about head and returned home. Mr. Hock-

7:15 p. m. Sunday as he sat in front enberry was admitted and received of his garage building on East Col- treatment for shock. Damage to the car is estimated at \$100. Mr. Storch was in conversation



signed to the Army or Navy until that the bullet came from someone Pfc. Wilbur Saxion, 31, Struck Over Heart by Nazi Bullet

Undergoes Operation A Bellefonte man who participated Centre County Treasurer Edward life to a small Bible presented to in the Normandy invasion, owes his John A. Botson, Lakewood, Ohio, R. Miller, of State College, Monday him by relatives as a Christmas gift. was admitted to the Lock Haven it was learned by his parents this Hospital, where on Tuesday morn-ing he underwent an operation on In

In a letter the infantryman, Pfc his left leg, which was injured in a Wilbur Saxion, 31, son of Mr. and football accident during his career Mrs. Wilbur Saxion, of Reynolds as a football player at the Belle- avenue, reported that he was carry-

bone. Mr. Miller has undergone a line fox hole on June 17, and the number of previous operations as a soldier used German paper for the

permanent group to proceed in an en's division of the War Finance organized effort to effectively abate the nuisance. Council is currently contemplating a law-suit against the Warner coma law-suit against the Warner combins indicated. All straw hats now half price at the could on page Three) Phon Davis store Phon Davis store

Bellefonte Howard). T/Sgt. Joseph F. Sills, 21. of State

ported missing in action over France Clarence J. Quick, Moshannon

> Philipsburg Allen S. Williams, Julian, R. D.

they report for induction. Those listed for pre-induction examinations are as follows: Joseph H. Kulp, Philipsburg. Lewis T. Couturiaux, Philipsburg, R. D. 1. Theodore T. Robinson, Clearfield (Clarence) George J. Dolan, Columbia, Pa.

Paul Socash, Winburne

Robert R. Granville, Niagara Falls

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AIRMAN MISSING T-Sgt. Joseph F. Sills, 21, **Fails to Return After Mission in France**

Richard M. Varner, Sligo, R. D. 3, Otto D. Ebeling. Bellefonte, R. D.

bone in the leg was removed and penicillin is being used in an effort to promote a complete healing of the bone. Mr. Miller, bone and the bone and the bone and the bone at th

fonte-High School, and which has ing the Bible in a pocket over his During the operation a section of heart when a bullet struck him, never completely healed.